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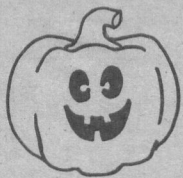
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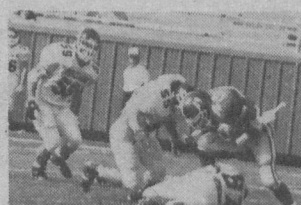
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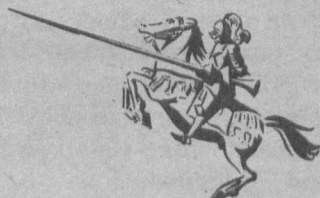
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## SGA clears Rugby Club

By CHRIS SERRES  
NEWS EDITOR

In a near-unanimous vote Monday, the Student Government Administration (SGA) agreed with the Judicial Hearing Committee's decision that the Holy Cross Rugby Football Club (HCRFC), as an organization, is not responsible for an incident at the Tipperary Pub on the evening of Sept. 28.

On Oct. 10, the Judicial Committee held a fact-finding meeting in which they called forth HCRFC officers, and several witnesses who were at the Pub when members of the HCRFC allegedly injured two students.

The officers and carefully-selected witnesses first met together in a room in order to dispel any initial rumors about the incident. Then each

witness was individually brought in to give his detail of events.

After four hours of deliberating, the committee unanimously decided that the HCRFC, as an organization, was not responsible.

This was the first real attempt by the SGA to use the Judicial Committee as a way of policing its own organizations.

"This process allows students to look at students before it gets to the Dean of Students," said Jenn Erickson '92, co-chair of the Judicial Committee.

Mike Sullivan '92 and Matthew Cushing '92, co-chairs of the SGA, told the Judicial Committee to examine the Tipperary incident as a separate event and ignore the HCRFC's past behavior.

"It was a very touchy

subject," said Brian Smith '94, co-chair of the Judicial Committee. "We had to ignore their shaky past and negative image in order to look at the event objectively."

In choosing members of the Judicial Hearing Committee, Sullivan, Cushing, and the Committee co-chairs were very careful to choose a fair mix of unbiased individuals.

"What's good for one case might not work for the next," said Erickson.

The SGA has agreed to take an active role in assisting the HCRFC in their attempt to eradicate the negative image of the organization.

In this pursuit, the SGA supports the HCRFC in their attempt to acquire a full-time coach to assure that disciplinary actions are taken

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National Poster for alcohol awareness education.

## Recovering alcoholics share experiences

By BETSY TAYLOR  
NEWS STAFF

Using only their first names, in keeping with standard Alcoholics Anonymous practice, two self-admitted alcoholics spoke on "The Experience of Addiction and Hope of Recovery" in the Mulledy social room this past Monday night.

The talk was the opening event of Alcohol Awareness Week.

In describing their addictions, the two speakers educated a small audience on the real problems alcoholics face and the difficult path of recovery.

"Ray" said he started drinking at age 13, and started to use drugs over the next few years. "I had the goals...I didn't start out saying I'm going to screw up my life," he said.

According to Ray, his desire to party increased, and his addictions began to control his life.

"I was behaving in ways I'd never imagined," stated Ray. He explained that he stole money to support his addictions. Ray's mother would lock the bedroom door at night out of fear of her

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## Sundance at Sundown

By LORENE WHYTE  
SPECIAL TO CRUSADER

For many college students, when classes end for the week, text books get shelved and the alcohol gets flowing. But, for the last several years, companies have been teaming up with colleges to help change that weekend trend.

This month, 20 of the nation's top colleges and universities are hosting "Sundance At Sundown" as part of National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week (NCAAW).

The program was developed by Sundance Natural Juice Sparklers and is sponsored by Sundance, numerous college campus organizations, the National Association of College and University Food Service (NACUFS), ARA Refreshment Services, and Marriot to support student activities and promote alcohol awareness among college students.

In 1984, the Inter-Association Task Force on Alcohol and Other Substance Abuse developed an alcohol awareness program for college campuses. In its eight-year history, NCAAW has grown in popularity, from 250 participating campuses in 1984 to more than 3,000 in 1991.

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## Pre-med committee makes or breaks future doctors

By MIKE CULLITY  
ASST. NEWS EDITOR

The Holy Cross Pre-medical Pre-dental Programs Committee, a group of seven professors from various departments, meets every Thursday to assemble letters of recommendation for Holy

Cross students aspiring to attend health related professional schools.

In its meetings, the committee examines a student's academic and personal attributes with scrutinizing honesty to establish whether he or she is thoroughly prepared for the rigors of medical school. Based on its conclusions, the committee may recommend a student very highly, or perhaps not at all.

Holy Cross Pre-medical Advisor and committee chair Professor Michael McGrath explained that a prospective medical school student needs a balance between compassion and ability to handle the work. Because of this, the committee bases its recommendations on several criteria.

He said that in addition to grades, each student must submit an autobiography explaining why he or she is interested in pursuing medical school.

"We would hope that you [the student] would give us some idea of why you want to go to medical school," said McGrath.

In addition, McGrath said the committee requires at least three letters of recommendation: one from a professor in the student's major department, one from a professor in the sciences, and one from someone who knows the student well and is thus able to evaluate him or her critically and honestly.

Finally, the committee requests a list of extracurricular activities and work experiences, according to McGrath.

Based on this broad spectrum of criteria, McGrath said that the committee composes a letter in which it recommends a student on one of five levels: very highly, highly, recommended, with reservation, or not recommended.

"We try to put together as good a letter as we possibly can," he said.

McGrath emphasized that there are a number of factors that medical schools weigh when evaluating applicants. He said that grades, while important, are not always the deciding factor.

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## World and Nation

WASHINGTON- Blacks are more than twice as likely to be rejected for mortgage loans, according to the Federal Reserve's most detailed report on home lending. Last year, banks, thrifts, and other lenders denied 33.9 percent of conventional mortgage applications from blacks vs. 14.4 percent from whites. Federal Reserve governor John LaWare called the numbers "worrisome" but would not blame racism.

OAKLAND- Firefighters Monday partially capped a blaze in drought-stricken Oakland, Calif. that has claimed at least 19 lives, destroyed

600 structures, and left 49 people still missing. At least 1800 homes were razed in the wildfire that started Sunday and blackened more than 1175 acres, sending 5,000 residents fleeing. Damage is estimated at \$1.5 billion. President Bush declared the area a major disaster area.

GERMANY- A freed American hostage arrived in Wiesbaden, Germany Wednesday after almost five years in captivity in Lebanon. He was released by Lebanese kidnappers Monday night following intense negotiating efforts by U.N. officials.

ISRAEL- Mideast peace talks are set to get under way next week in Madrid. The Israeli cabinet has voted 16-3 to accept Prime Minister Shamir's recommendation to attend the session, scheduled to begin Oct. 30 and last about 3 days.

The Palestinians announced their own delegation, consisting of nine supporters of Arafat's Fatah, the largest PLO faction. Shamir ruled out any border changes, saying that to do so would invite war.

WASHINGTON- The House passed a \$1.1 billion anticrime package

Tuesday that would impose the death penalty in more than 50 federal crimes, and would help states hire more police and improve programs for youthful offenders.

Before it is sent to Pres. Bush the measure must be reconciled with a version passed in July by the Senate that bans nine types of semiautomatic assault weapons and provides a five-day waiting period for handgun purchases.

## Campus Scene

GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD. Radford U. (VA) enriches the efforts of a local non-profit organization that serves a hot meal to the needy, when it donates leftover food prepared for students but not served. Since March, the Progressive Student Alliance has helped the university donate 50 or more servings of freshly prepared food daily.

NECESSITY IS THE MOTHER OF INVENTION. Each year, individual projects serve as lessons in "real world" problem-solving for seniors in electrical and mechanical engineering design courses at the U. of Wyoming. Recently, UW electrical engineering

senior Chad Steele devised a better system to control battery driven wheelchairs, thus providing better mobility for the handicapped. And a three-member engineering team collaborated on the design and fabrication of an efficient hazardous waste compactor.

"A SOCIALLY ACCEPTABLE PLACE TO HIDE." Not wanting to face the large numbers of job rejections, many students are choosing to wait out the poor economy in graduate school. According to the Council of Graduate Schools, applications to the 430 largest institutions rose 20 percent

over last year. Nearly one million foreign and American students applied to U.S. graduate schools this year, compared with 830,000 last year--excluding law and medical schools.

AH, MARKETING! Although dating was once an extracurricular activity, in a marketing class at Lehigh U. it's now part of the curriculum. Students can earn up to seven points on a test for going on a date or fixing someone up. They can also get credit for being turned down.

"One person described me as the Boris Yeltsin of American politics. I like that."

-David Duke, former Ku Klux Klan wizard, who just won a place in Louisiana's runoff for governor.

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# Sundance...

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With its growth and development, the emphasis of NCAAW has begun to shift from awareness to prevention and intervention activities.

Schools hosting "Sundance At Sundown" include the University of Southern California, California-Irvine, California State-Northridge, the University of Northern Colorado, the University of Colorado, the University of Delaware, Georgetown University, the University of Miami, the University of Maryland, Boston University, Holy Cross, the University of Missouri, SUNY-Plattsburgh, Syracuse University, Penn State University, the University of Tennessee, the University of Vermont, William and Mary College, and Marquette University.

"Sundance is proud to be a part of the 1991 National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week program," said William Brown, vice president and general manager for the Sundance Brand.

"College Students are becoming more and more health conscious, and in the process, consuming fewer alcoholic beverages," said Brown.

Concern for alcohol education programs in higher education has grown enormously over the past several years. Higher education institutions across the country have begun to organize activities on their campuses to promote the awareness of alcohol abuse and misuse.

A recently released study by the University of Florida found that the number of drinkers among college

students has dropped by nearly 10 percent in the last decade, prompting experts to suggest attitudes about alcohol are changing.

"These are indeed encouraging results considering the extent of alcohol education and policy initiatives undertaken on the college campus during the 1980s," said Dr. Gerardo Gonzalez, Chairman of UF's Department of Counselor Education and founder of BACCHUS (Boost Alcohol Consciousness Concerning Health of University Students).

"In general, those programs have tried to inform students about the effects of alcohol and encourage responsible decisions," said Gonzalez.

At Holy Cross, the newly created BACCHUS group, is sponsoring a "Sundance At Sundown" dance party in the Hogan Ballroom Saturday, Oct. 26 from 10-2 pm. There will be free Sundance sparkler products, DJ Myron and raffles are featured. Possible prizes include a \$25 gift certificate to Tweeds, Body Shop, a pair of Reebok sneakers, and free pizza at Crossroads.

Raffles are 3 for \$1, and will be sold at the door. You must be present at the midnight drawing in order to win. Admission is only \$1.

"The objective of 'Sundance at Sundown' is to make students more aware of the healthy alternatives to alcoholic beverages," said Sundance's Brown. "Students are beginning to realize they can enjoy themselves at parties without drinking alcohol."

## Did you know...

-First year students tend to drink less frequently than upper classmen, but are more likely to engage in binge-drinking episodes, consuming large amounts in shorter time periods and risking medical complications, blackouts, regretted actions, etc. FIPSE CORE Survey, 1991

-Off-campus students experience more frequent hangovers than on campus students. Forty-one percent were hungover ten or more times last year, compared with seventeen percent on campus residents. FIPSE CORE Survey, 1991

-Almost half of all Holy Cross drinkers experienced a memory loss (blackout) when drinking last year. FIPSE CORE Survey, 1991

# Recovering alcoholics...

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son's violent spells.

"I was no longer in control," he added. "Alcoholism takes away your ability to ask for help."

In 1986, Ray entered a treatment center. "I say its the grace of God," he said.

Ray commented that the 12 step Alcoholics Anonymous program played an important role in his recovery. "It was there that I found self-respect...It gave me a lot of things that I had lost," he said.

Explaining that alcoholism is a physical, mental, and spiritual disease, Ray said, "I've watched it kill people."

He commented that these were not people from the street, rather young adults from responsible, respectable families. He also noted that some of the people he met during his rehabilitation were students at Holy Cross.

"Dave", the second speaker, also began to drink at age 13 in an attempt to gain social acceptance. Like Ray, Dave came from a good family.

He explained that he was a binge drinker; he would not be able to stop drinking until he blacked or passed out.

According to Dave, for two and a half years, after he moved to Georgia, he stopped drinking because giving it up allowed him to be accepted among his new friends. However, in his senior year of high school, a friend wanted to try drinking, and Dave began again.

Dave is a student at Holy Cross. He told how four weeks into his first semester he became the twenty-first student taken to the hospital for alcohol poisoning.

He called home to inform his parents knowing that they would receive the ambulance bill anyway. He said his mother expressed concern because her father had been an alcoholic until he died. Dave said he

then swore he would stop drinking. "That lasted a week," he said.

He added that his actions were easy to rationalize. He just thought of all of the others students taken to the hospital and realized that most were drinking again as well.

Dave explained that he only drank on weekends and an occasional Thursday night, and maintained average grades. However, Dave said, when he drank he couldn't stop.

Dave said he left during the second semester of his first year after he realized that the amounts of alcohol he was consuming were at potentially lethal levels.

He entered Alcoholics Anonymous, and his recovery helped him to give him piece of mind. "Sobriety allowed me to come back here," he said. Dave noted that much of Holy Cross' social life revolves around alcohol and he found it was necessary to avoid old playgrounds and "old playmates" in the beginning.

"My life has gotten better, so I just won't drink anymore," he said.

After speaking, Ray and Dave answered questions about alcoholism.

They mentioned that the only requirement of Alcoholics Anonymous is the honest desire to stop drinking. When asked to comment on ways to help someone who is alcoholic, Dave told of "Planting A Seed", an AA concept.

"Tell them you're concerned about them," he said. He continued by saying that 47 people could approach an alcoholic in this manner and receive no reaction, but the forty-eighth might make a difference.

Ray and Dave also discussed the links between alcoholism and genetics, and the effects of alcoholism on other family members. They explained that AlAnon is a program and support group for the family members of an alcoholic.

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Fr. Brooks sighted in Dinand library last Friday night.

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# Pre-med. . . Committee reviews meal plan

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McGrath explained that it is very possible for a student to receive a less-than-favorable recommendation despite competitive grades.

He said that by taking all possible factors into consideration, "We're being honest with a student." He stressed that the committee does not wish to falsely recommend a student who may need work in some areas, whether they be academic or personal.

"It's a matter of being realistic," he concluded.

Several Pre-Med students expressed favorable opinions about the committee's work, but acknowledged areas where it is vulnerable to criticism.

In his own case, Matt Longo '92, said, "They [the committee] were very fair... They gave me a great deal of assistance." He added, however, that one's relationship with the committee often depends upon which advisor he or she is assigned to.

Brian Cook, '92, said that the committee makes it a point to know why a student wants to attend medical school. He added, "They help select out those people who would be a long-shot at getting in to med school."

Cook observed, however, "A number of people are disenchanted with it [the committee]." He said that some feel that the committee frowns upon students from certain majors, or those who don't have high organic chemistry grades.

Cook acknowledged the possible validity of a observation made by a physician acquaintance-- that Holy Cross is concerned about its reputation, and thus strives for a high medical school acceptance rate.

Earl Bueno, '93, explained that when he was applying to colleges, Holy Cross' high acceptance rate attracted him to the school. He acknowledged, however, that because the committee's recommendations play a major role in the percentage, an incoming student might be somewhat deceived by the statistic.

Bueno said that in the recent preliminary meeting for junior Pre-Med students, Professor McGrath was neither pessimistic nor optimistic about a student's prospects for medical school. "He stressed the importance of being ready," Bueno said.

Scott Graham, '93, said that the committee's criteria for recommendations are justifiable, since outside experience in the medical field and a student's autobiography are important to consider.

He added that if he decides to wait on medical school, he would feel comfortable coming back to the committee for a recommendation at any time.

Professor McGrath said that medical schools tend to have more confidence in committee evaluations because they help to establish a pattern of consistency upon which the schools can base their own judgements.

As a result, McGrath reasoned that committee-recommended students have a better chance of being accepted to medical school.

"All we do is present a student in the best possible light," he said.

By CHRIS CUNIFFE  
SGA CORRESPONDENT

The SGA sponsored Food Service Review Committee met Tuesday night to discuss proposals which will be included in its report to be completed by Wednesday, October 30. The results of the study will provide the basis for changes over the next several years.

Tim Maloney is heading the subcommittee to compare Holy Cross with the services provided by other regional schools. He has visited Williams College and intends to visit Tufts, Clark and Assumption College.

There will be a survey of students at brunch this Sunday. Topics will include the meal plan and satisfaction with current services. Committee co-chair Brian Marsela stated, "We hope

only those who are interested in helping the committee will fill out the survey." Co-chair Tom Bridgeforth added that "Their opinions will be taken seriously and will help form future inquiries."

The meal plan subcommittee, chaired by Nick Aieta, has researched actual student dining habits. It was discovered that students on the 21 meal plan are eating on average only 14 meals per week while students on the 14 meal plan are eating closer to 10 meals per week.

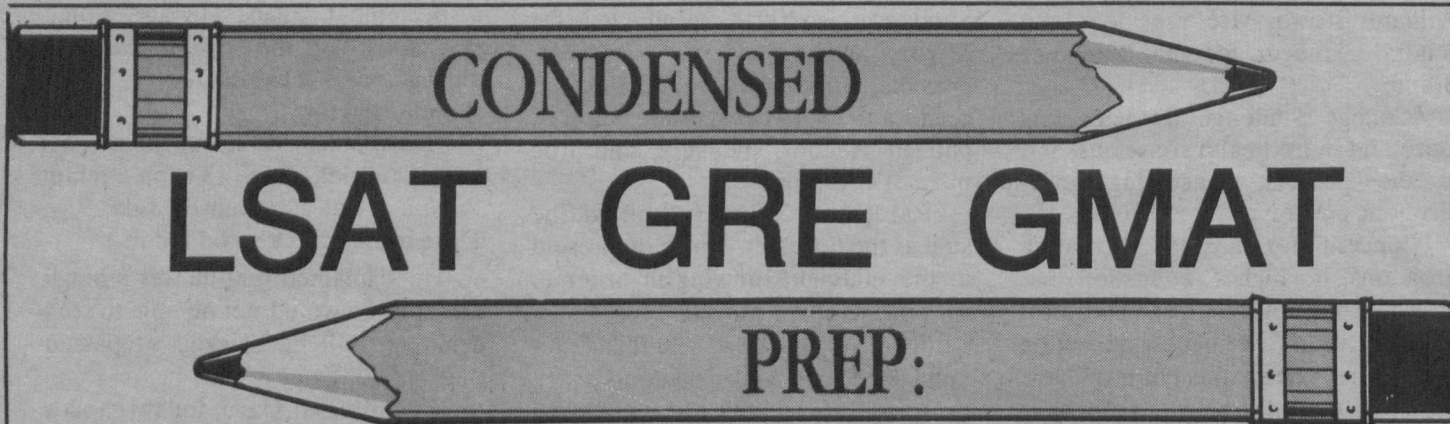
Aieta asserts that there is general confusion among students over the meal plan. He explained, "A lot of people don't realize that a 21 meal plan is based upon the cost of 16 meals. Students need a better understanding of what they actually pay for."

One new option that Aieta intends

to propose is a 17 or 11 meal plan. Another possibility is to charge different rates for the 21 and 14 meal options and include an opportunity for students to separately purchase a declining balance account. Aieta also suggested a bolder proposal to eliminate weekly limits and base the system on a semester long total.

With regard to changing the interior of Kimball, the committee learned that Fr. Brooks has contacted some architects to design alternatives. While electrical and other technical difficulties block many immediate changes, the committee expressed its belief that certain measures can be undertaken to improve the flow of traffic.

An open meeting will be held this Sunday evening. Marsela expressed that "all student input is appreciated and necessary."



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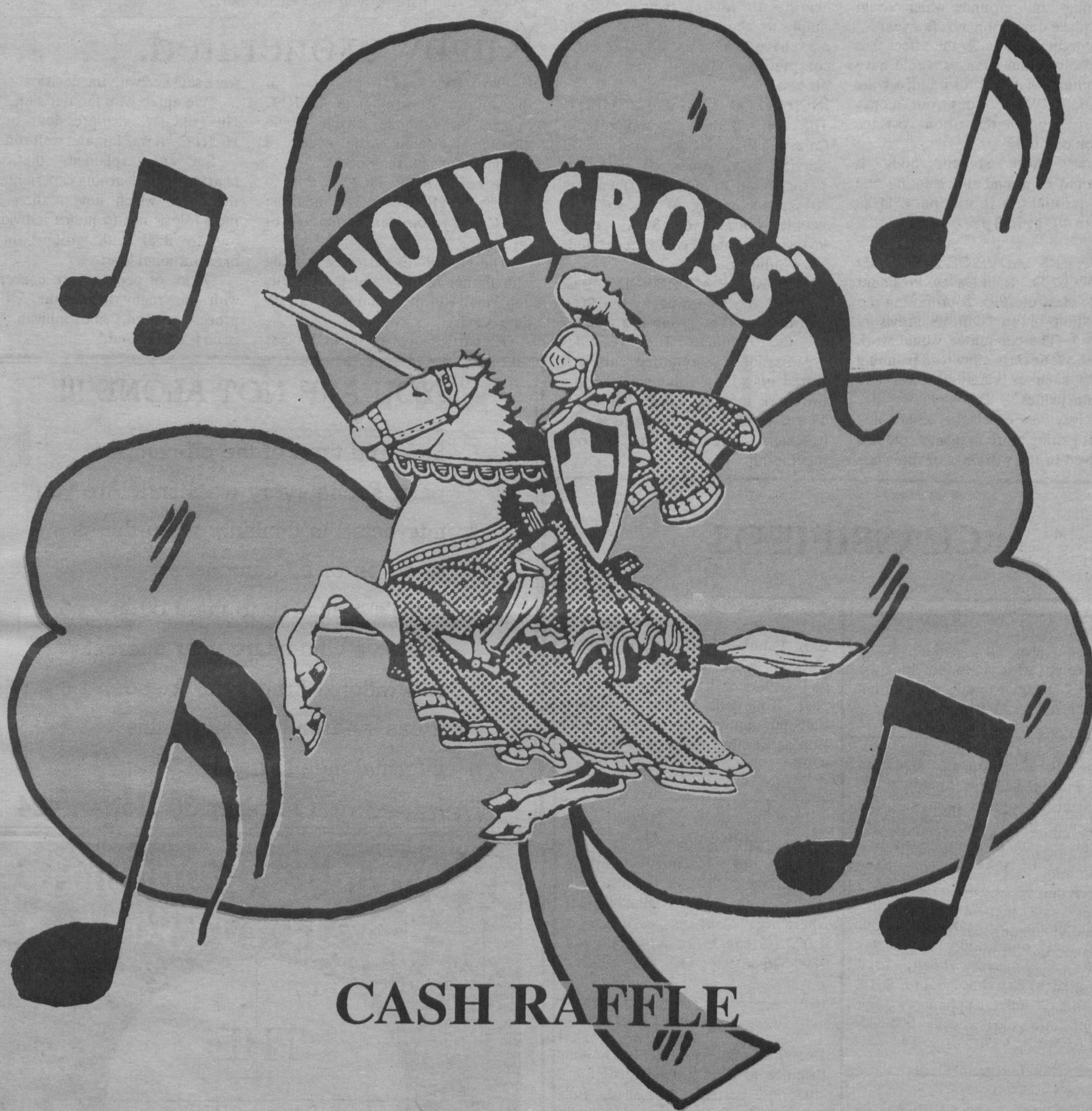
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# SGA FOCUS

by CHRIS SHORTELL  
SGA CORRESPONDENT

Gerry Zimmerman, Director of the physical plant, and Bill Durgin, Treasurer and Vice President of Business Affairs of Holy Cross, will be speaking at the next SGA meeting on Nov. 4. Zimmerman's talk will focus on the possible changes to both the buildings and grounds which could take place during the next few years.

Durgin will discuss the affect that renovations and changes would have on tuition. He will also address the question, "Where does your money go?", and itemize the various costs the tuition covers.

The entire student body is welcome to attend the meeting and ask questions. It will be held in Hogan 403 at 7:30 p.m.

**OFFICERS ADVISORY BOARD PROPOSED:** Rich Davey, President of the class of 1995, is proposing the formation of an "Officers Advisory Board." The committee would work with the four class officers in planning events such as class meetings and other activities.

Davey is especially concerned about getting more first year students involved in the workings of the Class

of 1995, especially males. He noted the majority of people on the Semi-Formal Planning Committee were females, as well as six out of the seven First Year students in SGA.

**CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW UPDATE:** The first hearings of the Constitutional Review Committee are scheduled for Nov. 10. The committee stresses that these hearings are routine; their purpose is simply to clarify any questions that may have come up about certain constitutions during the review process.

**INCREASED INVOLVEMENT:** The two ad hoc Committees on Constitutional Review and Food Service have generated a lot of participation by non-SGA members. "It is encouraging to see so many people outside of SGA getting involved with these committees," adds Mike Sullivan.

**NEW GROUP APPROVED:** "Best Buddies" was approved by the SGA on Monday. The group is a chapter of the national Best Buddies organization. A retarded citizen is paired off with a volunteer, and the two work together week after week. This is unlike other programs in that it fosters more of a one on one relationship.



Students and parents deal with each other.

The Crusader/Killian MacCarthy

## Rugby exonerated. . .

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in the future. According to HCRFC officers, a full-time coach would alleviate the team from acting as disciplinarians for their peers.

However, if the HCRFC fails to acquire a full-time coach, then the SAFC will reconsider its funding of the club.

The HCRFC is currently working with Father Markey and the athletic department in their search for a full-time coach.

All parties involved in the process

were satisfied with the decision.

"We agree with the decision," said Gil Hundley, vice-president of the HCRFC. "It was fair and well-run."

Sullivan explained that the hearing was a learning experience for the SGA, which now realizes that their role is not to police individuals but to deal with groups on an organizational level.

"A lot of people were concerned with the rugby team, but felt the process worked," said Sullivan. "The issue is now closed."

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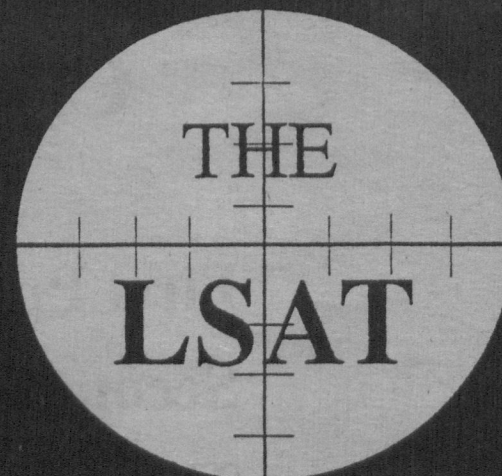
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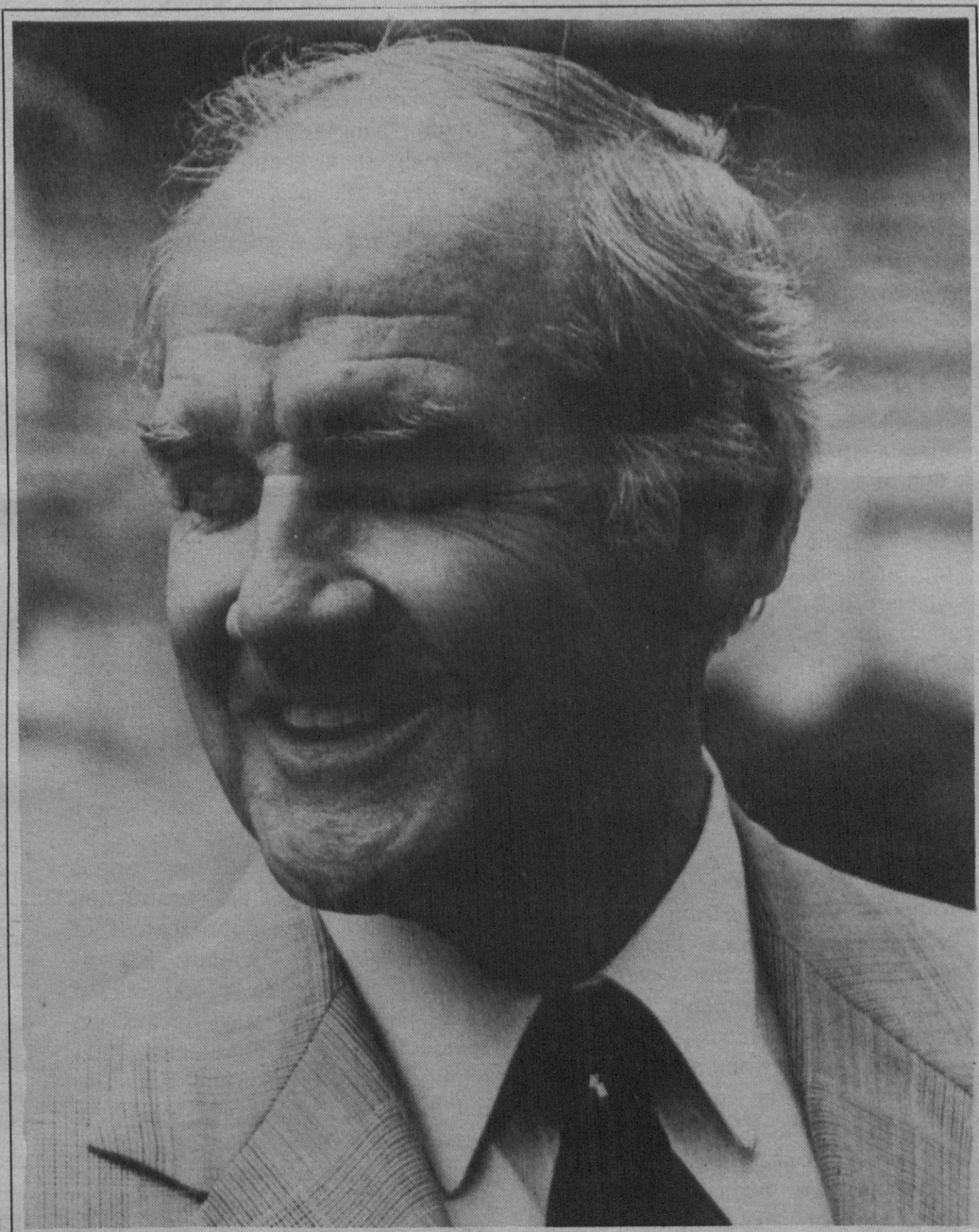


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# Opinions

## The black magic of Twenty-one

The tailgaters were living it up at the Parents' Weekend game. Some were screaming at the Brown marching band for its open display of liberalism. A lot of them were alumni, and some were parents. And after the game, many of these "adults" got into their cars, and drove home drunk. To think we have to be twenty-one before we are considered responsible is one of the most ridiculous things I have ever heard.

As I walked through the maze of cars, I noticed the gluttonous amounts of alcohol that filled the tables of alumni, parents, and students. The weird thing about it though was that I did not even think how some of these people would get home until I saw the first cars leaving.

Even then I was naive enough to think that most had designated a driver who was not drunk to drive home. But most is far from enough, and by the looks of things on Saturday evening, most was not a

close estimate. I counted three obviously drunk older gentlemen who got into their cars and drove away.

Even if I was to agree that an American doesn't gain responsible drinking habits until he or she reaches twenty-one, I still have to examine why this is a reality. The general principle behind the law is safety: from addiction, from drunk driving, and from self injury. As a college first year student, I have no car, so driving drunk is not a problem. Even if I did have access to a car, I wouldn't drink and drive. As far as addiction is concerned, I feel quite responsible and in control of my drinking habits. But when I do reach the magic age of twenty-one, I can rest assured that the worst possible example has already been set for me at Holy Cross--and it hasn't been set by the students. It seems as though I encountered more responsible illegal drinkers on Freshman Field than I did legal drinkers on Fitton Field. I also was

informed by a former SAA that I could count on at least half of the cars leaving the President's Banquet with drunk drivers behind the wheel. Maybe "Big Brother" wanted us at the Ellen Degeneres comedy concert because he did not want us to be run down by a drunk President's Banquet contributor.

If I have no way of getting home other than driving myself or driving with someone else, I will not drink. It is sad to say that I have failed to see that conviction at a school so dedicated to teaching its students responsible drinking (Bacchus, SAA's). The example set Saturday and at the President's Banquet is continuous, adults--possibly even our parents--will continue to get behind the wheel after drinking too much. They will cite "experience" and increased "tolerance" but in reality I have seen them driving away from Holy Cross, swerving slightly, and I say a prayer, for us and them.

*Jim Mullins is a columnist for The Crusader.*

ON THE BRINK | Mark R. Dursin

## Introducing--Wrecking Crew!

Amidst us lies another world, an island of screws, nuts, wooden planks, hardhats, brown bags, and Virginia Slims-Ultra Lights. The motley crews that are currently renovating the Beaven Tomb into the Psychology Citadel are truly a separate society, cloistered as they are by the forebodingly decrepit fence which cleaves them from mainstream campus reality. In the name of journalism, I have undertaken the challenge of coalescing these two worlds, bringing together the renovative spirit with the retentive spirit, the Bosch drill and the Cross pen, into a harmoniously fused yin-yang.

Interrupting the hallowed lunch break, I assimilated myself into the construction congress. I learned their names and their *nom de work* titles, reminiscent of professional athletes-- Mark the Foreman, Tim the Insulator, Fred the Carpenter, Don the Friendly Carpenter, the delightfully alliterative Paul the Plumber, Dougie the Water Boy, et al. This band of wacky hooligans, working for the company of Francis Harvey and Sons, are that very same zany bunch that raised Edith Stein from nothingness, then in a blaze resuscitated Carlin, Alumni, and Loyola. By their own admission, they've spent so much time here over the years they could have actually graduated by now.

I was sure that they had innumerable Chauceresque tales to share with me. As an outsider looking in, I always regarded these skilled laborers as an enlightened lot. After all, they have their caffeine thermoses, their immortally phlegmatic coughing fits from too much smoke-and-sawdust inhalation, their monstrously unwieldy phallic tools. They even have their own way of measuring things, a sort of

mangled metric system: "bitch" and "son-of-a-bitch" replace "ounces" and "pounds" (as in, "This thing is heavier than a..."), "whore" is a tally for intelligence (e.g., "You must be smarter than a..."), and a term for measuring heat in the tradition of Oedipus. This rogue's gallery is the undiscovered country: beyond all things, lies the world of the construction workers.

Yet my romantic ideals soon began to fade as my interview with these gentlemen took a turn to realism, hammering home the rough-and-ready gloom of the construction worker's plight. Sure, they bellowed the traditional superficial comments about cigarettes and the sanctuary of large-breasted women, comments which cannot be printed in this forum. (Fred the Carpenter, leading the pro-Clarence brigade, assured that he'd have been in jail a long time ago for sexual harassment if every utterance constituted an offense.) And Mark the Foreman revealed the intricacies of the Beaven Archives, having unearthed such gems as beer cans, condoms hidden in the walls, (What? At this Catholic institution?), old coins, and, most intriguing of all, a hall pass from 1904. Undeniably juicy tidbits, but the heart of this matter is grim, indeed.

"It's all not as glamorous as it seems..." Mark the Foreman leveled with me. The word from the people in the know is that demolition is far from good clean fun, and construction is always a better job than renovating. Moreover, they are not allowed to associate with any of the students here: I believe that Don the Friendly Carpenter drilled that they were "prisoners on the job." (And you can imagine the elation I felt as one of the few

students who were given permission to speak to these visionaries.) Worst of all, the plumbing is not hooked up yet, so these stigmatized laborers have to lug themselves outside to use the portajohn. (Apparently, Advanced Potty Training, with a concentration in Holding It, is essential in the construction universities.)

The comments of Paul the Plumber also proved to be an emotional drain for me. The recession has screwed the various interrelated webs of the construction industry. Because of the scarcity of jobs, Paul the Plumber has to commute an average of 500 miles a week. No money also means no remodeling, which means that plumbers and electricians are also out of luck and work. And the imminent winter months always throw a monkeywrench into the industry, recession notwithstanding. And the worst of all, Paul repeatedly stressed, is that they can't talk to the girls.

The electrical clan reiterated many of Paul the Plumber's woes. They maintain that they are usually stuck far from the limelight, denigrated to behind the scenes work, since they are usually stereotyped as loud, obnoxious, and abusive. When asked if this stereotype had any validity, they assured, "Oh, sure, it's true. But outside of the job, we're very normal. It's just the eight hours a day when we're not really normal." This company of electricians plugged that their boss is miserable (he was sitting right there-- inside joke) and, again, they can't talk to the girls. When I asked why they entered this profession in the first place, they kind of looked around and Steve the Electrician sparked, "I don't know. I think I was conned."

## Top Ten Options in Father Brooks Town Car

10. Frontseat tickler
9. Host dispenser
8. Backseat confessional (with padded kneelers)
7. Holy Water windshield-wiper fluid
6. Compartment containing extra Run-DMC sunglsses
5. Cross hood ornament
4. "Incensaroma" air freshener
3. Horn which belts out "Though the Mountains May Fall"
2. Purple-and-white-walled tires
1. Immaculate Suspension



Surprisingly, there are real people among us, entrapped behind this fence of disharmony, but they are still within our reach. Believe it or not, even these men enjoy a "hello" now and then. And despite the pervasive economic difficulties, their bathroom traumas, and their inability to talk to the girls, the Beaven Renovators proved to be witty and enlightened. When asked what their personal statements or creeds, I was peppered with such dictums as "We do as we're told, and we're told what to do", "you're doing great, but a little faster", and, most importantly, "blame the guy who's not there that day." When questioned about the Croatian/Serbian conflict, Steve the Electrician proclaimed (and I'll try to quote him verbatim, but the ideas were flying so fast and furious out there...) that it was "a positive influence. I believe that there is another force at work in this world today, with many people realizing the absurdity of this kind of petty fighting. I see a vision of a united planet someday, for people have begun to see that it's a very small planet. And people who refuse to move into line will be recognized for what they are, criminals instead of martyrs." Steve the Electrician smiled at me from behind the fence: "See, I'm really smart." Amen and Hallelujah.



## Choosing an identity

In the debate over whether or not a Pro-Choice group should be officially recognized and allowed to exist on campus, an important issue has risen which transcends the abortion debate. Many proponents of such a group have argued that the school must, if it is to provide the best atmosphere for intellectual growth and best serve its purpose as a college, recognize and promote not only groups whose opinion coincide with the Catholic Church's but also those whose opinions run contrary.

It is also stated that to deny such groups is an infringement upon the rights of students and denies them a portion of their education, which is why they came here in the first place. However, while on the surface these claims may seem legitimate, further examination reveals them to be quite inadequate.

The College of the Holy Cross was founded in 1843 as a Jesuit Catholic College, it continues in that tradition today. From the day it was founded by Bishop Fenwick, the College has made a conscious decision to provide a Catholic education. It is the right of an institution to make this choice, just as it is the right of an individual to choose to go to such a school, or for that matter to choose not to.

As if the name was not indicative enough, the College's catalogue and application book make its identity clear. The very first sentence of the catalogue states, "As a Jesuit College, Holy Cross takes place in a 450-year tradition of Catholic education." Later on the same page it defines the goal of the school: "It has as its purpose the advancement of the Kingdom of God in His people," and, "It has as its purpose the education of men and women who in their family life will be examples of Catholic ideals and practice."

Even with such clear proof of its identity, some claim that this is not in actuality true and that students

do not come to Holy Cross because it is Catholic. But while this may be true for some, it is untrue for the vast majority. Holy Cross is by no means a "safety school" and most who come here could have gone to a number of other excellent secular schools. Last year when I arrived I learned that the freshman on my hall, including myself, had been accepted to such schools as Harvard, Yale, Cornell, Dartmouth, Brown and MIT.

Yet when asked why they had chosen to attend Holy Cross instead, the unanimous differentiating factor was the Catholic influence. While I am not saying that everyone who attends Holy Cross must come for this reason, and I believe strongly that the school should accept students of all religions, I do believe that any one who comes should be respectful of its Catholic tradition and not try to change it.

Some would maintain that a Catholic influence prevents true learning. However, I would not only argue the contrary but also argue that it adds to our education. Individuals are free, within the classroom as well as outside it, to learn about opinions that differ from Catholicism. However, to force the administration to recognize a Pro-Choice group is to force them to place a value judgement on it that condones a group which advocates the right to (as the school sees it) murder. We must be able to learn about Hitler and Nazism in our classes, but that does not mean that the school should recognize such a group on campus.

In the end it comes down to whether or not the proponents of such a group are really pro-Choice. If they are, they must accept that the College of the Holy Cross made its choice in 1843 and respect its decision to stand by that choice today.

*Joe Vitale is a contributor to The Crusader.*

## "Process" of elimination

To the Editor:

Process is defined as a series of steps taken in order to achieve a certain end. This word was used with considerable frequency in the Clarence Thomas nomination hearings, mostly in a negative context. I am obviously referring to the confirmation process which Judge Thomas has had to endure. I use the word endure intentionally for what I have observed this weekend is appalling and an absolute disgrace to this country. What I am about to engage in NOT an opinion as to whether or not Clarence Thomas should be confirmed to the Supreme Court, but a criticism of the "process" which he had to go through.

I would begin by arguing that there is an ethical problem which has been manifest in this "process." According to the testimony on Saturday, it was alleged that Senator Metzenbaum leaked the F.B.I. report concerning Professor Anita Hill's allegations of sexual harassment. It was also stated that the report was to remain confidential. Metzenbaum, when questioned about this act by Senator Specter, stated that he was doing this in the public interest. It seems to me that several questions are raised in this exchange of words. First, what gives the right for a Senator, or a member of his/her staff to leak a confidential report? Also, who is he/she to determine what is the public interest? I seriously doubt that there is an aggregate public interest when it comes to matters of knowledge of F.B.I. reports in this case.

The issue of mudslinging and interest groups brings me to my second point concerning the problems of the "process." It is a procedural problem with the "process." However, I find it very troubling when interest groups engage in purposeful acts, such as

hiring individuals to sift through a person's history from day one, in order to dig up any potential "dirt under the fingernails." Interest groups are created in order to affect a certain area of policy, be it abortion, women's rights, or poverty. However, inherent in all of this, is a certain political agenda that they want to forward. Is this representative of what our system is all about, letting a minority (for the average person usually does not get involved in politics beyond voting) decide the future of a nominee? I certainly hope not.

This brings me to an even larger procedural problem with the "process," that of politics. A President nominates a person based on their qualifications AND their political view, and the Senate confirms the nominee on the same basis. This poses a problem when the executive is controlled by one party, and the legislative, the other. A nominee could be denied a seat on the Court, not on the basis of his/her qualification, but on their political views. Such was the case with the Bork nomination. When each party has control of one of the branches, stalemate occurs which eventually leads to nothing getting done.

Lastly, I would just like to state that some changes have to be made concerning the "process." A good start would be to eliminate all of the politicization that occurs in the "process." By this, I mean choosing nominees strictly on their merits, questioning the nominee strictly on the merits without allowing outside interference from interest groups which clearly have no interest in mind but their own, and making a decision for or against confirmation based on the merits. If this were to happen, I believe that a good start would be made towards improving the "Process."

*Christopher G. Monroy '93*

## True crisis of love and respect

Some call it a "dating problem." Time and again we have heard about the inability of many Holy Cross students to get beyond shallow relationships. We all know about the drinking and scooping which goes on.

The "dating problem" at Holy Cross is a misnomer, however. The problem is something more profound than not being able to get a date. The true crisis is one of love and respect.

I believe that at the root of this problem is an unwillingness or inability of most Holy Cross students to pursue friendships which cut across lines of gender. In general, we seem to follow the pattern set by the locked doors which separate women from men in the dorms. Generally, we eat, socialize, party and "bond" divided along those same lines. Although we may sometimes mix and mingle in Kimball or at parties, those times seem too often to be perceived as preludes to some "romantic" involvement or related to simple physical attraction. It is likely that if

there were more healthy friendships between women and men we might not be so likely to look at each other as objects.

Although some social and religious conservatives may disagree, the problem is not physical intimacy itself. After all, we are young adults. We are physical beings, and the physical realm, when our actions are symbolic of a deeper emotional bond, remains a powerful means of expressing love.

The problem comes in when physical intimacy becomes an end in itself. This seems to manifest itself in two ways—either "one night stands" plain and simple with near strangers, or physical involvement with acquaintances where one "pretends" to love or care far more deeply than friendship in exchange for sexual gratification.

In both cases one is taking rather than giving. One is using another person for one's own ends. The fact that this is sometimes done by both parties involved does not make it any more acceptable. The second case (between

acquaintances) is all the more cruel, for not only is the "partner" used, she or he is allowed to live an illusion or lie and thus to later feel even more foolish and used.

Whenever we engage in "mind games" or use a person for our own pleasure or by our actions imply a love or commitment which does not in fact exist we do real harm to that person's dignity. We leave them scarred and less willing to trust and to take the risk necessary to find a truly loving relationship.

Where are we to turn to find a better example or values for living in a more humane way? Some might say "friends" or some lucky others "parents." It is doubtful, however, that many people would say the Catholic church. That institution seems too out of touch with reality to offer any guidance. When we think of the Catholic church and sex, we probably think of "no sex before marriage" or "no birth control" or just "no, no, no, no."

Despite the Church's reluctance to bring its reasoning up to date,

however, the fact remains that Christianity has a lot to say in the area of sexual ethics. It is an aid in showing us the wrong in some of the things we do and offers a model for making "better" decisions. Beneath the Church's dusty rules about sex before marriage lies true wisdom—a wisdom which is sorely needed on this campus.

Central to the life and teachings of Jesus is respect for the dignity of all human beings. He taught his followers to respect the integrity and personhood of all people, even of enemies.

To deny the bearing of faith on an issue so close to the heart would be intellectually irresponsible. We are not talking about an obscure rule of the Church, but a teaching central to Christianity—love and respect one another. As a Jesuit college community which contends that actions and ideas do have consequences, we must challenge each other to live up to that familiar Christian command.

*Christopher Vogt is a contributor for The Crusader.*



## From Our Readers:

# Still doubting Thomas

To the Editor:

Clarence Thomas claimed that the allegations made by Anita Hill played into the worst stereotypes about black men. Clarence Thomas prides himself on exemplifying all that those stereotypes deny about the capacity for black men to be educated and successful. The problem with his statement is not that echoes of these stereotypes exist in the nature of the allegations. I think to some degree, we all heard them.

The problem arises when I critically examine the statement from another side. Then I am forced to confront the fact that Clarence

against his own sister. Thomas alleged that his sister was a "welfare queen." Don't black women have enough problems in American society as women and minorities? Never mind that this is a society that will not pay them for equal work or provide adequate, safe day-care for their children. Should anyone have to endure sheer contempt for accepting aid, even temporarily as did Thomas' sister? She accepted welfare for those two years during which she cared for an elderly aunt. Upon her aunt's death she promptly returned to work. Clarence Thomas has a lot to answer for in using his sister's

of section 8 housing, preferring one room and no heat. Welfare queens do not deign to work for a living because they'd rather live off the ever more burdened middle class. It's nothing to do with the fact that the present welfare system does not support attempts to get off the system--rather it penalizes those who try to get jobs or go to school.

Clarence Thomas' sister does not deserve the lowest common denominator thinking that such stereotypes propagate. No one does. But he used the stereotype and he used it successfully. He came off as the successful, educated man he wants to be and he was able to controvert whisperings that he is a success of the affirmative action program.

And so he looked successful and educated when Anita Hill made her allegations. Successful, educated men do not have to sink so low as to commit sexual harassment, yet they very often do. It is these men who are in positions of power that make women dependent on them for networking and these same women cannot afford to burn bridges.

Clarence Thomas has a lot for which to answer. If a successful, educated man can use a stereotype blatantly mis-applied to his own sister for his own betterment; it is no stretch of the imagination that he could commit sexual harassment, or perjure himself before the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Linda Reilly '92

*"I argue that Clarence Thomas used these stereotypes of black women to make his image more credible."*

Thomas made allegations that played into the worst stereotypes about black women. And, just as he claimed Anita Hill used those stereotypes to discredit him, I argue that Clarence Thomas used these stereotypes about black women to make his own image more credible. I think that by examining the allegations made by Clarence Thomas even before Anita Hill came forward with her testimony, the Senate could have concluded that Clarence Thomas was not appropriate to sit on the Supreme Court.

These allegations are, of course, those made by Thomas

situation as a yardstick to measure how far he made it against the odds. Especially since some might argue that she did the responsible thing. Many, many people, white and black, use welfare temporarily to help themselves and their loved ones avoid destitution.

Unfortunately one of the worst stereotypes about poor women (especially minority women) is the prevailing belief that they are "welfare queens." Welfare queens keep having babies so that they can get more money from the state, not because birth control is inadequate. Queens never leave the ivory tower

## Dangers of ambiguity

To the Editor:

I am writing to express my deep dismay regarding the editorial cartoon depicting Associate Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas featured on page 10 of *The Crusader* on October 18, 1991.

My anger at seeing this type of commentary has nothing to do with my own feelings about Thomas, but instead with my feelings about racism in general and particularly racism existing here at Holy Cross.

The Thomas cartoon, which depicts a half-white, half-black Thomas with a clear line between the colors of his face, is a perpetuation of racial stereotypes on two levels.

League law schools) are "not really black."

Secondly, an even more blatant statement of racism is made by the captions on the cartoon. While the "white Thomas" thinks to himself, "I hope they don't ask me any questions about my privacy," the "black Thomas" thinks, "I wonder how the Toronto game is going."

This depiction of the "black side" of the caricatured Thomas as being more concerned with a sporting event than with his own confirmation hearings feeds ridiculous racial stereotypes that African Americans are: a.) unintelligent, b.) more interested in athletics than academics, and c.)

perhaps its creator and editors who published it were unaware of its implications. It is possible that it was intended as a benign space-filler. If this is the case, I urge the editors of *The Crusader* to exercise more sensitivity as to how ambiguous messages printed in their publication may be perceived.

If the printing of this cartoon was not an act of intentional racism, it was certainly one of extreme irresponsibility: low-tech lynching.

My final question about the cartoon is: who drew it? The absence of a name on it (at least one I could find), or some other disclaimer, implies that it is the opinion of the paper's editorial board.

I have noticed other nameless work in *The Crusader*, such as the "Top Ten List." As a student who has interned as a reporter at a small daily newspaper, it is my own opinion that, with the exception of the editorial board's staff editorial and comments from news sources who risk harmful retribution for what they say, no stories or commentary in a newspaper should be anonymous. The publication of anonymous work, particularly on the editorial page, is, I think, in most cases a dangerous and unethical practice.

Firstly, the depiction of Thomas as half white and half black illustrates the justification made by some white racists for their social or business contact with some African Americans--African Americans who fly in the face of stereotypical ideas of what they are "supposed to be." This cartoon depicts the idea among racists that successful African Americans (such as graduates of Ivy

unqualified for their jobs. It is ironic that these types of stereotypes are displayed at a college whose African American students refute them (and that certainly includes those outstanding African American students here who excel in both athletics and academics).

Even sadder than the fact that this cartoon represents racism in various ways, is the idea that

## No laissez-faire abortion

To the Editor:

Until today I have had little trouble with adherents to either side of the abortion issue, preferring the solitude of my own convictions. I am moved now because in recent days you have offered space to the unlearned to publish their benightedness. Being uninformed is permitted to underclassmen for here is the place to shed ignorance, but persistence to the stupidity of the pro-choice position in so many might make Bishop Fenwick wish he had ridden his horse farther west and become an apple farmer.

Abortion is a grievous interference with prerogative of the Creator. He and only He can create. The power to undue His creation has not been delegated to mankind nor any of its members. From the moment the zygote zooms down the tube it has a soul separate and distinct from anything ever before or ever after produced. It has the right to grow and learn and seek out its Generator. It is only the foolhardy who would interrupt the process.

Jim Mullins, in his editorial "Pro-Choice Under the Law" in the October 18 edition of *The Crusader*, takes the stance that while he believes abortion is murder it should not be made illegal. Mr. Mullins also argues that to make abortion a crime would be to take away a women's right to choose to commit murder. This is an irresponsible view. To take a laissez-faire position regarding murder is ludicrous. Life is sacred and should be protected in all its stages. Murderers do not have the right to murder. To follow Mullins's argument to its logical conclusion one would have to agree that the body politic must permit theft, rape, and treason if it is also going to permit murder.

We are dependent upon each other. As I am dependent on those that come after me, including the unborn, so also they are dependent on me and all society to protect their right to enter society. Society, therefore, has the right and duty to enact laws to protect itself. One of those laws should be the punishment for those who procure an abortion. Surely if we can protect the Spotted Owl and the Snail Darter we can have a law that protects mankind and its members from destruction.

John R. Callaghan '94

It has become a trend in newspapering to provide an anonymous outlet for opinions in recorded telephone messages which are later published- this gives way to emotional statements on the editorial page which are not always backed by fact, but sell newspapers. This practice, however, is very controversial and I urge the editors of *The Crusader* to set a policy on anonymity and to inform their readers of that policy.

Jennifer Greaney '92

*"The publication of anonymous work, particularly on the editorial page, is, I think, in most cases a dangerous and unethical practice."*



# Structural roots of homelessness

To the Editor:

When I picked up my *Crusader* on 10/4/91, for the second time in a week I read that the homeless themselves were to blame for their plight. The first time was in an op-ed piece in *Newsweek* by L. Christopher Awalt, who suggested that "unless the homeless are willing to help themselves, there is nothing anyone else can do." *Crusader* News Editor Christopher Serres, with a similar line of reasoning, challenged a march supported by Worcester Committee on Homelessness and Housing (WCHH) by asking, "Why are you protesting?" Serres claimed that the explanations being offered for the rise in the homeless population by the marchers were "simplistic." His "own experience with homeless individuals" convinced him that "the cause of homelessness is more about personalities than it is about economics."

Serres' "experience" involved the recruitment of "cheap labor" from an urban homeless shelter to clean out produce fields "overwrought with weeds." He observed that even though the workers generally began the day with enthusiasm, by midday their "vigor" had given way to complaints of muscle problems, back aches, dizziness, and dehydration. Few recruits worked for more than a few days. The only exception was a hardworking man whom Serres nicknamed "Shovelhead," a night watchman at the shelter and former victim of homelessness. Serres quoted Shovelhead at length as he espoused his theory of homelessness. He implied that "the great majority of homeless are either drug addicts, mentally ill, or chronically unemployed." They are too lazy to work, and therefore opt for the "comradery and freedom of the streets." The ready availability of soup kitchens, shelters, panhandling, and drinking merely reinforces this "dependent, leisurely life-style." Consequently, "additional attention [to the homeless] and public acceptance [?] may increase the numbers of these people."

In a society that values self-reliance and the individual responsibility, Serres' contentions about homelessness will appeal to many people. It is, however, simplistic, misinformed, and intensive to see both the cause and cure of homelessness as an individual problem. First Serres' explanation is no more complex than the purported explanations of

WCHH which he decries. William Ryan called it "blaming the victim": Why are people poor? Because poverty is a way of life. Poor people are lazy and would rather live off welfare than get a decent job. Why are people homeless? Because it suits their way of life. Why did the enthusiasm of Serres' workers give way to complaints and "a painfully slow work pace"? Because they really weren't motivated to work in the first place. Should the government provide shelters and housing for the homeless? No, because it helps sustain the problem. The general idea—that personal defects of the victim account for his or her problems—has pervaded American thought for at least two centuries. Earlier 19th Century forms were the "positive good theory of slavery" and Social Darwinism. It is easy to understand why this way of thinking is so popular: it justifies the existing social order, especially one's own advantaged position.

inadequate supply of low income housing, especially for single persons. The problem of literal homelessness falls heavily on the disaffiliated—persons without access to the resources of a larger household—and upon those who have been extremely poor for long periods. The homeless are therefore best seen as the long-term very poor who cannot be taken care of by friends and family (or are rejected by them) and who have been unable, for a variety of reasons, to establish households of their own. Most of their friends and families are also likely to be among the poor, with few resources to share in any case. All of these factors—chronic extreme poverty, lack of support or rejection by family and friends, difficulty establishing their own households—are in turn likely to be connected to their own disabilities [such as poor physical health, mental illness, alcoholism, drug abuse, and depression].

The study estimated that 2722

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The blaming-the-victim ideology precludes a thorough-going examination of the causes of the problem, for it focuses the analysis on the victim's deficiencies rather than on structural factors external to the victim. Perhaps that is why Serres bases his contentions on such limited evidence. Why else would he have generalized his own experience to the entire homeless population? If Serres, in fact, had engaged in a careful, dispassionate, and objective review of the evidence, then it is difficult to imagine how he could have reached his conclusions.

Recent studies of the homeless, based on scientific sampling procedures, reveal much about the scope and nature of homelessness. One of the most rigorous studies is the Chicago Homeless Study. Writing in *Science*, the investigators of this study state that their data suggests the following about the general dynamics of becoming homeless:

"First, literal homelessness typically results from extreme poverty in housing markets with an

persons were homeless on the average night in Chicago, and about three times this number were homeless during the course of the year. The survey of homeless individuals did indeed reveal high levels of drug abuse, alcoholism, and mental illness; one in three reported stays in detoxification centers, and 23% reported having been in a mental hospital. But these statistics belie the heterogeneity of the homeless population. The investigators found, for example, a significant percentage (about 14%) of young black women who were homeless with their young children as they were in transition from one housing arrangement of another. In addition, older males, who tended to be white, were typically homeless for long periods of time.

The income of the homeless was less than one-half of the poverty level. The median income was about \$100, and one in five homeless persons reported no income whatsoever. Even the cheapest housing, in short, was beyond their means. Job histories, moreover, showed that the homeless

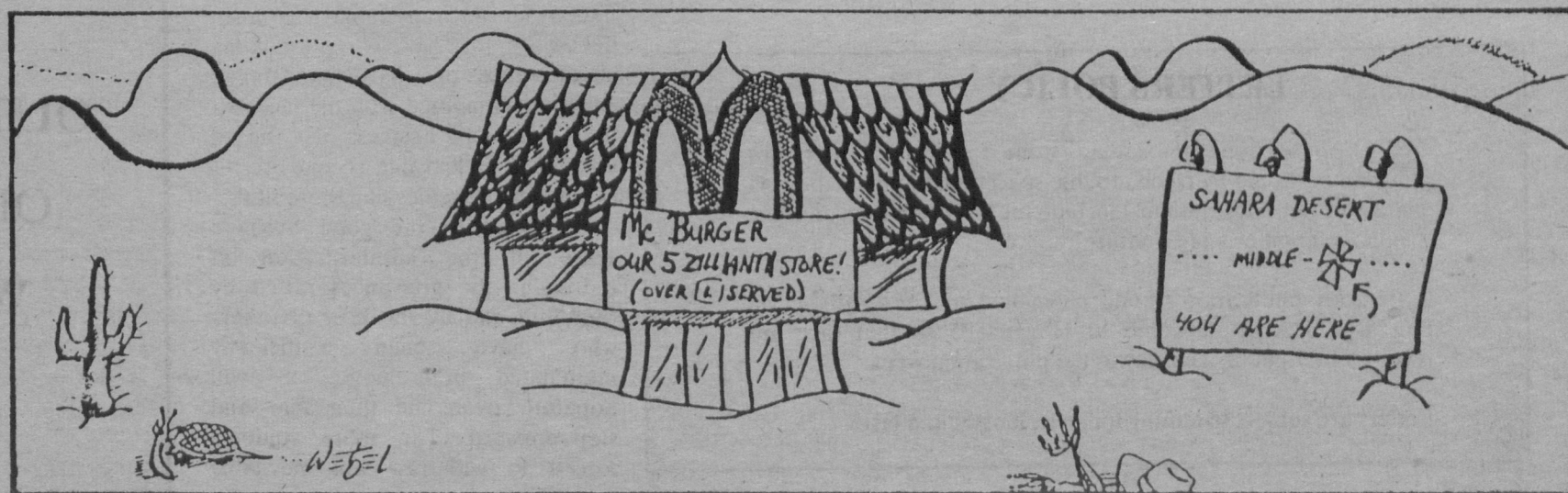
had been among the extremely poor for years. It was more than 4.5 years on average since their last steady job, a period that far exceeded the time currently homeless.

Still, the investigators noted that the homeless constituted a very small fraction (about 3%) of the conservatively estimated, 100,000 extreme poor in Chicago. And how does this population avoid homelessness? By spending all or nearly all of their income on housing and relying on income-maintenance and other support programs for other necessities, or by relying on subsidies from friends and relatives. Thus, homelessness occurs when there are changes in the demand for low-skill workers and consequent unemployment, increases in the number of the disabled, and declines in income-maintenance support, support programs for disabled persons, and the supply of very low-cost housing. All these factors are structural in nature; they have nothing to do with individual personalities. In contrast to Serres' view of the homeless as urban nomads who choose this way of life, these underlying causes indicate that most of the homeless are forced into this existence by extreme poverty, the elimination of services, and widespread unemployment and underemployment. If anything, public inattention exacerbates the problem.

Other aspects of Serres' depiction of homelessness are effectively refuted in a well-reasoned, dispassionate rebuttal by the Student Coalition on Homelessness and Housing (SCOHAH) in the most recent issue of *The Crusader*. The final point that I wish to make supports the pleas of both Kevin Ksein and SCOHAH: namely, no matter what the causes of homelessness, which are indeed complex, and no matter what the solutions, which are equally difficult, it is insensitive to suggest that we simply ignore a problem that affects millions of human beings. This would be a harsh injustice, at the very least, to the estimated one million homeless children. As one person said in response to the *Newsweek* article. "What does Awalt [or Serres] propose that we do with the mass of street people who [purportedly] lack both the bootstraps and initiative?"

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## Editorial

### "Remember what you see here"

On Sunday, Holy Cross will kick off its annual Social Concerns Week. The Student Social Concerns Coalition has organized activities including masses, discussions, debates, Faculty Associate luncheons, and poor suppers as well as hosting former Senator George McGovern as this year's Social Concerns Keynote Speaker. All these programs have been designed to increase students' awareness to issues such as housing, poverty, discrimination, and gender and racial issues plaguing our world today.

Social Concerns Week does more to foster the mission of Holy Cross to produce "men and women for others" than any other annual event on campus. Nevertheless, no matter how many programs are organized or speakers contracted, little good can come from Social Concerns Week unless there is participation in the events coupled with interaction among students and faculty alike.

Realistically, the events will probably not incite individuals to immediately rise up and embark on a crusade to right the world's wrongs. This is not the function of the week, however. Awareness of the issues and increasing sensitivity to them is.

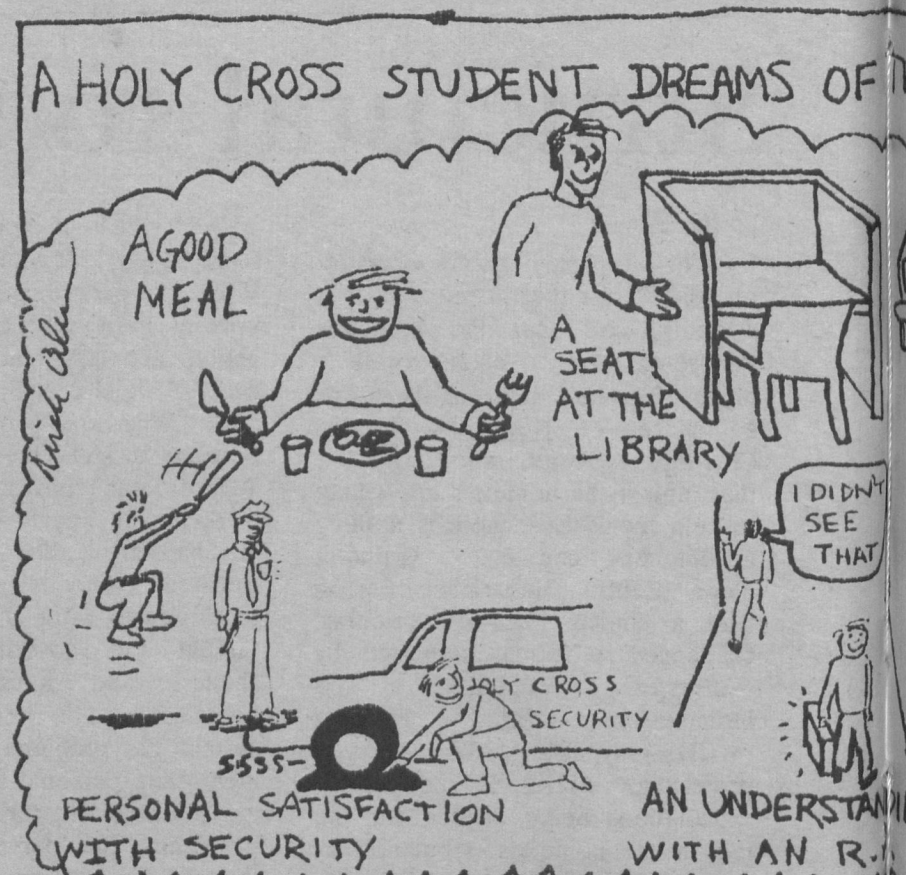
Most of us, after college, will not remember the rhetoric displayed during the Social Concerns Weeks throughout our four years at Holy Cross. As Holy Cross students, we will have the tools and the opportunities to make a difference in our society. Therefore, we should use the awareness of social problems and issues learned during participation in Social Concerns Week activities to guide our thinking.

### LETTERS POLICY

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## System stealing dignity

I miss Meredith Pozanski. She and I shared a dream. We shared the dream that those of us lucky enough to be here still share: that we would someday be graduates of Holy Cross. Reading her letter in last week's Crusader relating how her dream was shattered made me so mad I couldn't even scream: I spat instead.

I reiterate her question to Holy Cross, "how much longer can you afford to lose students," as someone who on more than one occasion himself was but an eyelash away from a similar devastating fate. I applaud Meredith's mature and caring approach to raising a concern in print which many of us on financial aid have been afraid to broach: the reprehensible treatment of which so many students who have dealt with the Financial Aid Office complain.

Anyone who has not been subject to the demeaning and degrading feelings often associated with a visit to the Office of Financial Aid has probably heard stories of those who have. Offenses against both students and parents range from curt and impolite reception in person and on the phone, to having the very honesty of their motives and appeals questioned. The examples are so numerous that they produce a disturbing pattern. The not-so-subtle implication rings loud and clear: those unhappy with their financial aid packages are annoyances who are trying to get away with more than they deserve.

I am, also, more than aware of the difficulties involved in financial aid administration. Holy Cross, as far as my experience indicates, does indeed meet the full demonstrated need of its students. The strict formula used to calculate this need is accepted nationwide and not subject to much debate. The extenuating circumstances of a particular family's situation, combined with the fact that the College is a business first and an institution of learning second, result in personal tragedies like Meredith's.

I appeal to the good business sense of the administration in redressing the grievances raised by Meredith and by the host of others who have been sufficiently intimidated until now, but will hopefully overcome their fear and step forward. The more students forced to withdraw will inevitably

result in percentage drops in the graduation and #3 student satisfaction rates which made us News's #23 in the first place. One word starts to circulate that financial aid applicants are treated with such an appalling lack of respect and compassion, better students will stay away from coming here.

The appeal to good business sense may not be useful because business is good at Holy Cross now anyway. The College has never received the positive national recognition it has enjoyed in the last twelve months. The school claims to try and maintain an enrollment of around 2,600. The

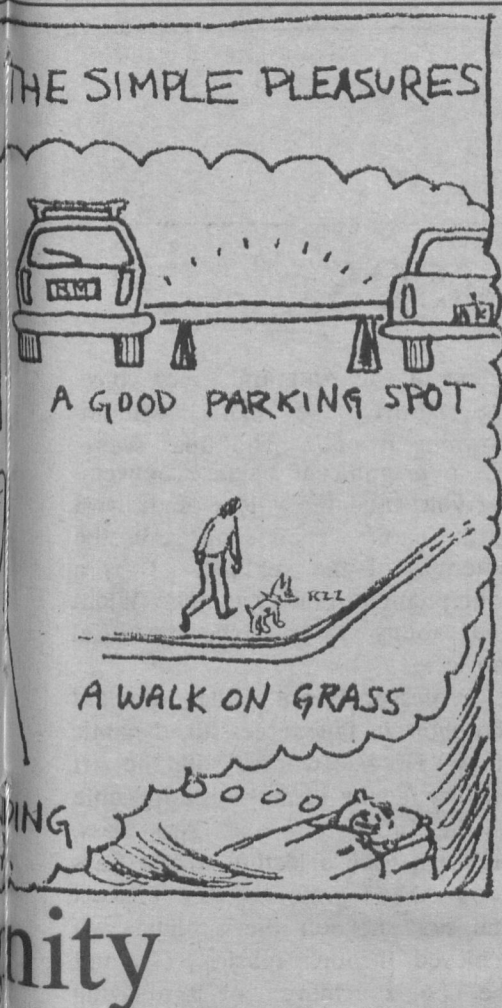
*"It is on the individual Financial Aid Office failure"*

list we use in the pub to check ID counts 2,747. Note that if class sizes are reaching critical mass, it is a good bet that the College coffers are far from empty. With so many paying customers, then, what harm the loss of a few Meredith Pozanski's, or Gregg Geldart's (you know she couldn't be the only one), or Church bashing newspaper columnists for that matter?

The greatest harm is on the personal level. The lives of those shunned will forever be affected. Another harm is the contribution lost that these members of our Holy Cross family were making and would have continued to make while still here. Not to mention the more substantial contributions they would have made during their lives.

## OUTRAGE OF THE WEEK





ANGRY YOUNG MAN ' Dan McLaughlin

# Guns in the wrong hands

The recent massacre in Texas (combined with the defeat of an assault rifle ban bill in the House) has once again raised the issue of gun control.

Do Americans have a constitutional right to bear arms? The answer to this, of course, is yes. The Second Amendment clearly states that "the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed." On the face of this it would seem that our society (which places a very high value on the Bill of Rights) has faith in the protection of this right, and that Congress has no grounds upon which to infringe on this right.

There are a few important caveats to this defense of our right to own guns, however. First of all, the Amendment makes it eminently clear that its purpose is to provide the new Republic with an armed populace to provide for civil defense. In the nuclear age it is obvious that the need for large civilian armies has declined sharply, as has the need for extensive prior training for such armies. It is safe to conclude that we no longer need a perpetually armed citizenry to protect the state from invasion.

When we look into the origins of this amendment, then, it is clear that

the rights it confers are not God-given human rights but are connected to a specific civil function. The implication of this is that the government has no specific need to respect such rights; the state is perfectly justified in regulation and limiting the right to bear arms up to the point of interfering with the initial purpose of a "well regulated militia."

A final note on this is that a common defense of the right to bear arms depends upon the right to have a gun to defend one's home and family against criminals and to hunt. While these are legitimate rights, it should be noted that they are not really a necessary consequence of the constitutional protection for gun owners.

What, then, can we do about the ubiquitous presence of guns in an increasingly trigger-happy society? What can be done about keeping deadly weapons out of the hands of lunatics like that guy in Texas? Sadly, we'll probably never completely eliminate this sort of madness. But there's no reason that our streets and towns should be armed camps, with every man, woman and child living in constant fear of stray bullets, armed psychopaths, and brutal robbers. We

let the platitudes of the gun lobby make us forget the horrors that widespread gun ownership brings to our communities.

In sum, total bans on the possession of guns are both ineffective and of questionable desirability. Nevertheless, we must make every effort to keep the most dangerous of these weapons out of the public domain and impose severe restrictions on those that may be owned legally. Restraints on gun ownership make individual citizens much safer in the long run than does the possession of a gun. It is our responsibility to keep lethal weapons off the streets and make our country safe again, and gun control is a vital part of that effort.

Assault weapons are weapons of war. They are not for hunters and if citizens need AK-47s for self-defense then we've lost control completely. There is no possible defense for the domestic sale of these weapons. Handguns are more suitable for sale, but only to law-abiding citizens. Granted that we can't always determine who is and isn't sane and law-abiding, but there is nothing unnecessary about requiring extensive waiting periods and background checks before selling these weapons.

THOUGHTJOGGER | Christopher Cunniffe

# Condoms, condoms, condoms

Perhaps the most intriguing event of Parents' Weekend occurred at halftime of the HC-Brown grid iron contest. In an attempt to make a philosophical statement, the members of the Brown marching band ran onto the field in a most haphazard fashion. Some of them staggered around aimlessly, others twirled and tossed their brass instruments, and still others just rolled around on the grass.

In the background, one of their compatriots could be heard on the public address system. He was delivering a rather uncoordinated speech that poked fun at Holy Cross' relatively conservative reputation. I suspect there are few schools that could not be categorized as such when compared to Brown.

The purpose of this whole exercise, or lack thereof, was to show how these individuals viewed themselves as liberated from even the slightest behavioral constraints that plague most of our society. Students at Brown are even known

to throw nudist parties, perhaps for more recreational motives, but also as an expression of their sense of social emancipation.

Frankly, I find nothing particularly novel in this rehashed doctrine of free love embraced by many of my contemporaries. Further, I suspect that it is a persuasion that is generally on the decline save for its bastions within the intellectual circles of New England. But, before I am accused of pontificating, let me make it clear that I find no fault with individuals who freely choose to take up such a philosophy. It deserves its place among the competing viewpoints that define the way in which we conduct our social relations. Rather, my grievance is with the manner in which this rather marginal philosophy is being coercively implemented upon the whole of our society.

A case in point, this summer Massachusetts became the first state in the nation to institute a state wide condom distribution program for its public high schools. It thereby joined such cities as New York which have already undertaken such efforts.

The case is a classic example of the philosophical contradictions that confront today's liberal policy makers. It is similar to the pornography issue in which the divergent concerns of anti-degradation feminists and of universal tolerance proponents give lawmakers fits.

In this case, absolute reproductive freedom (adolescents included) and the AIDS epidemic have both become sacred cows on

the liberal agenda. For promoters of both concerns, condom distribution has become the only feasible way to reconcile the conflict. Instead of applying their minds towards solving such complex social problems, these people have decided to throw condoms at their kids.

Unfortunately, strains of the AIDS virus now exist that can penetrate even the most effective protective membranes. The conflict is thus rendered irreconcilable. What is more frightening to some scientists is that the mutating nature of the disease makes it more likely to spread in different ways and highly unlikely that a cure will be developed in the foreseeable future. Advances may well make it an affliction whose effects we can control, but one for which we may never develop a cure.

My point is quite simple. Our society needs standards of conduct as a practical concern. The problems of teenage pregnancy and the spreading of the AIDS virus will never be solved if we continue to publicly encourage and fund the type of behavior that is at the root of the problem. Despite the assertions of my dear collegiate comrades, we need structure in our lives, we need role models, we need guidance from those who are closest to us.

Indeed, the greatest crime is that responsibility is being forcibly shifted away from the home and toward increasingly indifferent institutions. These are highly sensitive matters. They do not belong under the jurisdiction of the school nurse or the local clinic operator.

alumni. I do not doubt that a considerable number of President's Council members once received financial aid themselves. Clarence Thomas worked at Kimball, after all.

It is on the individual human level that our Financial Aid Office fails us. Professionals exist who are unable to hear and respond (even say no) to others' requests without making them feel as if they never should have asked in the first place. Must we be made to feel so inferior and imposing? Is being looked at straight in the eye and told the whole truth too much to ask? How ironic it is to get the sense that we are wasting

human level that our

someone's time when in actuality we will be paying for that time (with interest) for many years to come.

I constantly reminded myself over the summer that the Financial Aid Office is not representative of the "wonderful institution" that Meredith and I share the love of with everyone else here. Only Meredith isn't here any more. I almost wasn't here either and still may not be next semester. Some of you reading may be in a similar situation. Some of you reading may have the power to improve the situation so that stay or leave, we students do so with our self-respect intact. Good luck, Meredith, and thank you. You will not be forgotten.

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Student needs change. For laundry. Quarters. Student journeys to Hogan Campus Center. Handy change machine light is blinking-- out of change. This is bad. But bookstore is nearby-- Plan B. Bookstore people will not give out valuable quarters. This, too, is bad.

Plan C: Store located on third floor. It is worth walking up stairs for change. But, store people do not give out change. No, no. Nor does the library. Student could ask a

friend for change, but who would want to part with quarters, since quarters are so hard to get anyway, and so student has no recourse but to never do laundry and wear the same grimy clothes until student goes home for Thanksgiving, thus causing strangers and even close acquaintances to run in disgust from his/her old-wet-canine-stench and disheveled aura.

It's time for a change.



# Features

## Holy Cross Choir croons to the masses

By PAMELA TULLY  
FEATURES STAFF

On Friday night, the College Choir entertained the parent and student assembly at St. Joseph's chapel with a beautiful concert that ranged between motivational and meditative. Its ostensive purpose, dedicated to the Intro. to Visual Arts, was to depict the sublime in music. They achieved this through a selection of religious pieces which showed composers' attempts to capture this transient quality through their work. The choir then ended with a rousing medley of the school songs which continued the

uplifting attitude begun by the inspirational songs.

The choir sounded elegant, lovely, and dramatic. Their repertoire included Brahms, Bach, Verdi, Mozart, and Mendelssohn-Bartholdy. That means that not only did the voices range to fit the compositions, but also they ranged to accommodate five languages. The choir began with a rich, powerful German song and concluded with Mascagni's dynamic Easter prayer scene (in Italian and Latin.) The contrast is enhanced by the middle pieces which seemed less emphatic, but still subtly rich.

The program exerted initial force and propelled this momentum throughout the performance. Strong, structured songs established the show, while soft, more harmonious melodies maintained the approach to the sublime.

Solos throughout the show build this climax. Soprano Maria Tegzes initiated this movement in the Kyrie. Her solo dramatized the devout chant. Later, Louise V. (Gina) Wilson's Ave Maria transcended any earthly plea for help, making the prayer genuinely felt as it is genuinely prayed. Jenna Dempsey's solo in the finale culminates the

drama of the program. Her voice rose above the choir without drowning it out. The final scene was a magnificent balance between her voice and the voices of the rest of the choir. Their song exalts the potential of the sublime. It is a triumphant testimony to their talent and ability to produce beautiful music.

Professor Bruce Miller directed the choir in this successful, dynamic show. He also worked with the Art History faculty to make it applicable to the Intro. to Visual Arts class. He even gave a lecture to the class about the logistics of the concert and how he felt the sublime was achieved through music. His and the choir's achievement is amazing as a final production. There was only slight confusion in the beginning as the choir, orchestra, and organ adjusted to each other. This was quickly resolved and completely overpowered by the wonderful show the one-hundred-plus group performed...

The choir had such an impact in the final Easter song, that they almost did not have to sing the Holy Cross songs, but their addition of these favorites increased the audience's zeal for their performance. It also gave Parents' Weekend a grand boost of spirit.



The Holy Cross choir wowed the folks this weekend.

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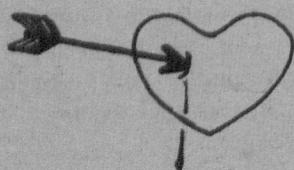
## Crushed again at H.C.

By ANNIE LONG  
FEATURES EDITOR

My friends don't want me to have crushes on boys anymore.

O.K., I guess that if you look at it from their point of view, they have a pretty decent case.

I've had about five thousand crushes so far during my Holy Cross career. And I'm a big enough person to publicly admit that not one of them has ever blossomed into anything more than that.



So therefore, my loyal friends have had to hear me declare my undying love for all of them, talk about them nonstop, swear that I will be the mother of their children, etc. And then approximately a week or two later they've had to either listen to me cry or complain when I find out that my crushes are jerks, they have girlfriends already or that they just plain don't like me. (and in some of the worst cases all of the above!)

I guess that they're just sick of it, and they're trying to watch out for my mental health or something. But you know what, I think that they're wrong. I love having crushes, and I always will.

Crushes are fun. And they can be harmless, as long as you don't lose sight of their literal meaning: chances are you probably will get "crushed." Even though a lot of the time I forget

that, I really do try to remember.

I just love the rush that you get when you see your crush in Kimball or Hogan or something and they make eye contact with you or if you're super lucky they say "Hi." Alcohol, drugs, whatever, I'm addicted to that. For me there's no better rush.

And Holy Cross is small enough, where you can actually track down your crush, if you so desire. It is possible to get to know your crush, because somebody's roommate's boyfriend will know one of their friends or something like that, and then it's easy to get the lowdown on where they'll be on Cambridge Street on Friday night or if they prefer Joe De's to Stoney's, so that you can just stare at them, or perhaps even get the guts up to start a conversation (WOW!)

Yeah, I can admit that a lot of my crushes have been bad. I have scars, I've gotten hurt. But I'd like to think that it's been worth it, because I'm a heck of a lot stronger for it. You have to take risks to ever really gain anything. What good does it do to just watch the world pass you by?

I'm sorry guys, maybe you're right, maybe I'm stupid, but I'm not giving up.

I can't help it, as a girl who was raised on "Sixteen Candles," of course my hope springs eternal. I'm just going to keep getting "crushed," because I have faith that someday my Jake's going to come steal me away from my sister's wedding and make all my wishes come true.

And I refuse to give up until he does.

## Jaycees Haunted House a real scare

By SHEILA SCHEUERMAN  
SPECIAL TO FEATURES

It was a dark and stormy evening. Seeking shelter from the rain, the girls hurried toward the nearest building.



The white house stood out against the darkening sky. Near the driveway, a dead oak tree gave a threatening welcome. A figure holding a broom was clearly silhouetted in the doorway. Overcoming their fear, the girls cautiously approached the house.

"Uh, Jo-Jo, I don't think we're on campus anymore," whispered Kate.

Suddenly, an eerie voice exclaimed, "Welcome to Greater Worcester Jaycees Haunted House!"

The Haunted House provides an excellent occasion to experience Halloween as it was meant to be -- filled with chills, thrills, and spills! Prepare to scream and shout your way through an actual house that has been temporarily converted into a den of horror.

College students, be warned! This is not just something for the kiddies. In fact, the ghosts and demons of the house go out of their way to haunt you. The weak-hearted are urged to grab a friendly ghost available at the door. This friendly ghost protects you from excessive torture.

It's an incredible bonding experience sure to be enjoyed by all of your friends. Try something a little creepy before heading down to Cambridge this weekend.

The Haunted House is located on the grounds of Fairlawn Rehabilitation Hospital at 189 May Street in Worcester. Weekend hours are 4:00-9:30 pm. The Haunted House is also open weekdays from 6:30-9:30 pm. The cost is \$3.00 (half the cost of the latest horror flick!). Call 853-3525 for more information.







# horoscopes

**SCORPIO (Oct.23-Nov.21)** The good news is you don't need a mask for Halloween. You always wondered why your parents sent you out trick-or-treating alone... in the dark... dressed as a huge milk-bone and then told you to try the city pound -- "They always give good treats," they told you. Do not be surprised when your Eggs Benedict turn on you. You really do enjoy that Cancer's buttocks, but that big crack in the middle sort of ruins it.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** Oooh, is that how you always look or did you just throw-up? Though straight prune juice does make for an enjoyable cocktail, chances are it'll go right through you. You meet a cemetery worker who kind of digs you in a grave sort of way. Realize now why Jesus never really enjoyed M&M's... they kept falling through the holes in his hands. An Aries is delighted with his new liver... it never backs up and it certainly is something to jump up and down about.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Gosh... what a swell day! You decide to dress as Dolly Parton for Halloween and you are surprised by the number of "Mounds" bars you receive. You never realized just how small Dolly Parton's waist is, but then again, nothing grows in the shade. Do you always smell like that, or do people have to scratch you first? An epileptic Taurus enjoys a huge "Seizure Salad" this evening.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** You dress as a vampire this Thursday because you think it's a role you can really sink your teeth into. Tell that conceited guy to dress as a glass of beer -- God knows his head is big enough. You try on a pair of waxy lips, but the owner of the lips really would like them back. A Gemini who you kind of recognize dresses as the Hunchback of Notre Dame -- you thought he rang a bell.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)** People will think you are a jerk this Thursday -- a real Halloweenie. You decide to dress as Brigham Young so you can get all the girls. A necrophiliac enjoys a good stiff drink. Realize now that Grace Kelly had just what Natalie Wood could have used -- a good stroke. Your wart costume is fiendishly clever, but that Scorpio's open lesion disguise wins the day.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Do not dress as a nose this Thursday -- people will only pick on you.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Beware of diseases from strange, little men -- twerpies is no laughing matter. Be careful when having a good time with that 7-11 employee -- a bad case of slurpies can't be any fun. Celebrate celibacy! That child-molesterer wins the limbo contest because he is the lowest of the low. A Virgo decides to cut off her calf and cooks it up for some lovely tasting veal.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** My, but this week will be good for you. Looking for a good thyme, you run into rosemary. The next time someone tells you, "You're not yourself today," ask them, "Then why are you telling ME?" Realize now that in this age of recycling Twocan Sam is only worth about a dime. You get nervous when a Ford Probe is driving behind you -- you just hope it doesn't rear-end you. A Capricorn realizes that his "Smells like fish; tastes like chicken" slogan is a really bad idea.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** The stars shine brightly on your lewd ways this week. You try to enjoy a quiet meal when, quite suddenly, the rump roast farts. The cocktails are delightful, it's just too bad your Bloody Mary clotted. You meet a lovely girl with one leg named Eileen, who introduces you to her one-legged Chinese friend -- Irene.

**LEO (July 23-Aug.22)** Those days of passion are here for the taking. The feel of satin sheets makes you feel sexier than ever, but what you're really excited about are those new corduroy pillows -- they're making all the head lines. You are fascinated by the recent sighting of Jesus at a nearby hotel. Realize now where dressing that's gone bad goes to get better -- the Mayo Clinic.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Love looms ahead for you and gets you all hot and bothered. Realize now that Jesus could probably never do an encore of that walking-on-water trick -- not with those holes in his feet. Your poor paraplegic friend loses his case in court because he hasn't got a leg to stand on. Before eating her Halloween stash, a disgusted Gemini finds out just where that Butterfinger has been.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Ahhh, Halloween... you are delighted. But then, you find out some disturbing things: that Reese's Pieces are chopped-up monkeys in peanut butter... that you have to eat all "3 Musketeers"... that the world laughs at you whenever you eat a "Snickers"... just who came up with the name "Almond Joy"... that you cannot eat Dum-Dum's and Smarties at the same time... that your younger brother enjoys eating Mary Janes... but the biggest turn-off is your discovery of the latest candy bar: "Johnny Bench's Nut Cup."

## Personals... Personals...

Aleakie,  
Happy Birthday to my Art Lover.  
Love,

Pollywog

P.S. No more farting



M.C.M

Bitchin' green Saab!  
Real FLY man...



Eight days until the return of R.A.R.  
That's all I have to say  
Good Bye and Good Night.

To those NoWo Babes:  
Beat the pants off those other  
teams... they are so much uglier  
than you. Row well and lay off the  
steroids!  
Love Ya!  
The Varsity Gals



To the Babes up on Hanselman 4:  
Have a lovely BDB and don't forget  
to behave like ladies!  
Hahahahahaha.  
Love,  
The Healy-ites

## Hubbub on the Hill



By ANNIE LONG  
FEATURES EDITOR

**1.HC VS. BC IN FOOTBALL --**  
Could you imagine if we still played B.C. in football? I wish that we did, could you imagine how awesome it would be? Everybody at H.C. knows somebody at B.C., it would be one huge reunion. The tailgate would be out of control. I think that we should play them just for the fun of it. And also to finally show those bums once and for all whose school is superior.

**2.TAILGATE SECURITY --**  
Tailgate security makes me mad. They made my tailgate take down our tent, because of all the supposed "serious problems" that it posed. Yes, our vicious yellow and white tent was there, threatening the lives of thousands of innocent taligaters. But then where were they when dozens of obnoxious, drunk Assumption kids were hurling cans and footballs at HC tailgaters, and worst of all when they pushed an innocent kid from Worcester down the hill, and then began beating him up. They were probably too busy protecting HC from all the life-threatening kegs or party tents that were on Freshman Field.

**3.JOE DE'S GETS A FACELIFT --**  
Tell me that it wasn't the first thing that you noticed when you walked into Joe De's...the new improved doorway. I talked to one of the lovely men who works the door and he explained to me that its purpose is to steer some of the congestion away from the bar when people enter. According to this gentleman, future construction plans for later this year include the creation of a similar doorway-funneling device near the door going out. I'm telling you, Joe De's is cleaning up its act. Watch out world.

**4.KIMBALL GETS BLUE --** Of all the new colors to choose for new trays, what do you think made them choose blue? Was it Mr. Kimball's favorite color? You'd think to be school spirited they would have chosen purple or something. Those trays really are a loud Smurf blue.

**5.FIELD HOUSE --** They think that if they just put in new windows and then paint the frames white that that's

going to do it? We still deserve a decent indoor track, weight room, aerobics room and stairmasters. New windows don't fulfill those needs, now do they?

**6.RANDOMNESS AT THE LOBBY SHOPPE --** I thought that it was just me who noticed it, but then the other day somebody told me that now they sell those little Goody plastic barrettes and ribbons that you used to wear in your hair when you were three. How random is that? Maybe they'll be reborn as the new fad on campus, a trip back to our days of youth. They also sell other weird things like racquetballs, laxatives, and chipped beef. Who ever goes there to buy that stuff anyway?

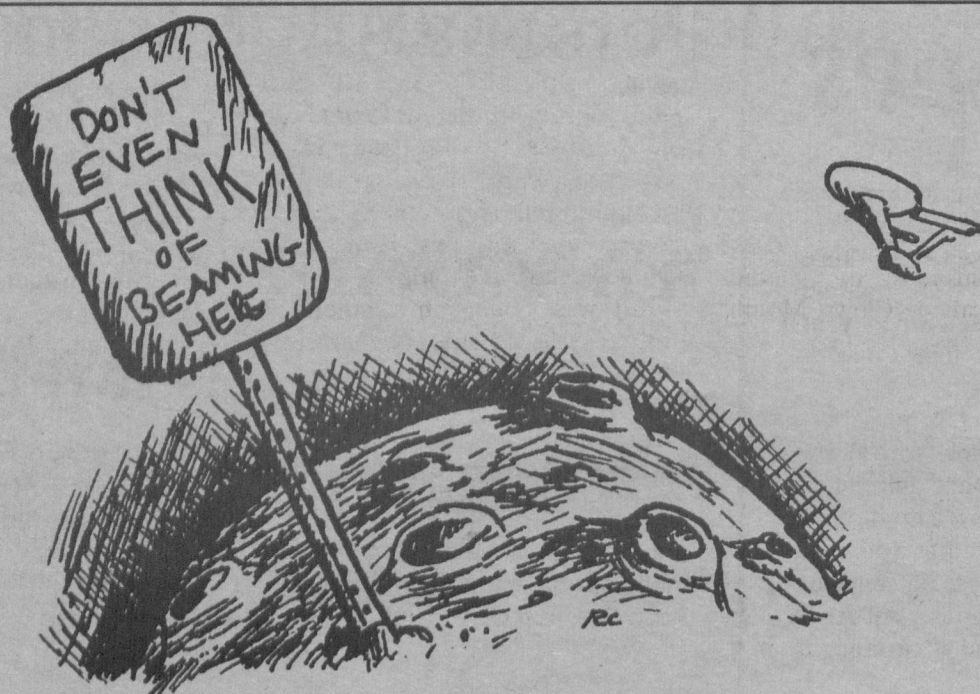
**7.STEIN FACULTY LOUNGE --** I had a meeting up there the other day, it's heaven on earth. The view actually makes Worcester look beautiful. There's a balcony too. But the best part is the plush leather couches and easy chairs. If I could study there I would have a 4.0, no doubt.

**8.THOSE UGLY CHAIRS IN THE BROWSING ROOM --** This is really is going to be more than just a little aside to the person who wrote that "Annie Long is a Total Babe" on one of those obnoxious ugly orange chairs in the browsing room. Though I note a WEE bit of sarcasm in the comment, thank you. But my point is that I just wish that people like you would have more respect for those chairs. Yeah, their color is obnoxious, but they can't help it. They've had long lives and they still do their jobs well. Give them a break, will ya?

**9.BEAVEN --** Will it ever be done? I guess that Mark Dursin would know more of the juicy details than I would (see Op Ed), but what's the deal with that? From all that I can see, it looks like they've knocked down a wall or two. And they're supposed to be done by November? Hmmm.

**10.FATNECKS OFF CAMPUS --** This is probably a stupid question with an obvious answer, but why don't any football players live off campus? Somebody told me that if they receive financial aid that they have to stay on, but they can't all get aid, can they? So does anybody know why?



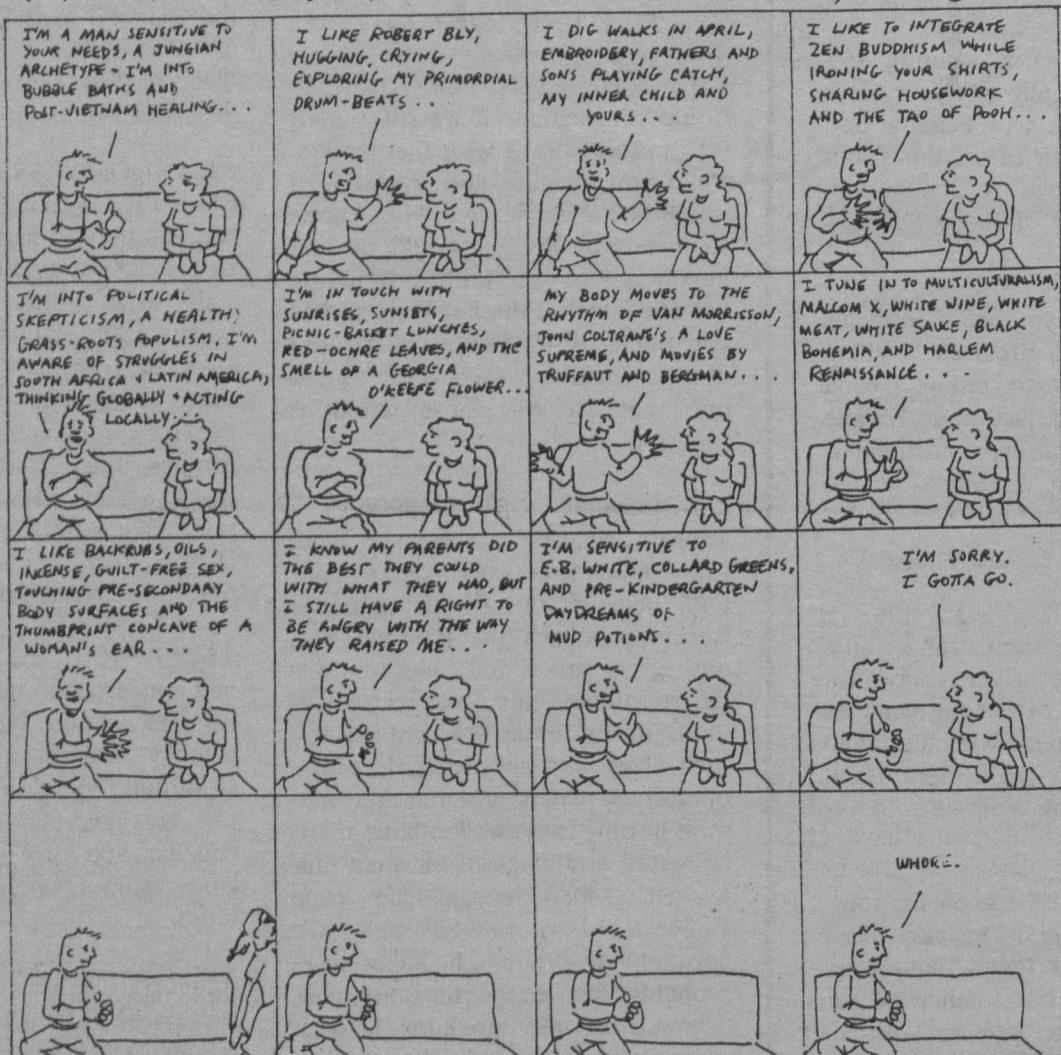


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# The Halloween from hell and other tragic flaws

By DEIRDRE MAHER  
FEATURES EDITOR

Some holidays are just able to pick at the brain and conjure up all sorts of miserable, childhood memories. For some, it's the smell of roast turkey that brings back that memory of Thanksgivings past when you gorged until you tossed your turkey all over the table. For others, the smell of fireworks brings back to them that incident that happened years ago -- something involving a Roman candle and a French poodle and lots of blood.

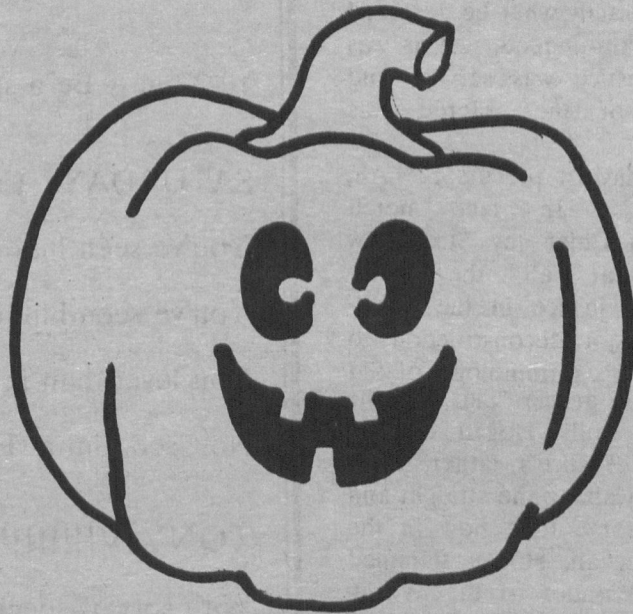
For me, however, it's a good whiff of Barbasol shaving cream that just sends those memories of a particular Halloween screaming back to me -- I was nine and I was pathetic.

It seems that in our neighborhood, the likes and dislikes of the bullies went in cycles. A family would be taunted for maybe two years, and then the teasing and name-calling would subside and move onto pastures new. It so happened that my family sort of broke that cycle and the jeering went on for years.

Maybe we were easy targets -- our last name rhymed with most anything. "Maher's Bar" was a popular name, while "Danny (or Colleen, or Deirdre, or Ryan, or Brendan) Maher, Handlebars" was a favorite with the older kids. Maybe it was the clothes we wore. We'd have to make pants last a pretty long time in our family, and sometimes they got a little short, so

I didn't understand when they yelled to my face, "Hey! The flood's over!" I just thought, well yeah, it hasn't rained for days.

But whether I was called "Wetsy Betsy" because of a few unfortunate kindergarten mishaps, or whether my sister was called "Clown Mouth" because she constantly licked her lips until a big, goofy, red rash of soreness encircled them, the point is, we were laughed at, put-down, and stepped-on... and we were getting a little mad.



The Dombrowski family was our target that Halloween night... Matthew and the evil twins, Jill and Tracy. This was the same Dombrowski family that made sure I walked into a tree every time we played "Blindman's Bluff"; the same ones that stole my "Star Trek" Scottie doll from me and tossed it into the air a couple of hundred

times until Mr. Scott fell into a million pieces; and Matthew Dombrowski was the same kid who never failed to squish a jelly-fish in my hair and down my bathing suit every summer... this would be our Halloween of reckoning.

It was actually my father's idea to dress us as the members of the 82nd Airborne. We had plenty of military garb. My father even supplied us with old socks for flour bombs... they smelled a little, but in the end, they did the trick.

With Barbasol in one hand, and a sock with some flour in it in the other (I believe I even put a medium-sized rock in mine for good measure), the bunch of us roamed down Ridge Road at sundown, only to encounter the Dombrowskis and a couple of ringers from the neighborhood. It must have been the moon that night, or perhaps the

effect of a few too many Milky Ways that fired the assault. My sister, "Clown Mouth," was upon the twins in a fury, and I soon joined in, beating the one with the ugly birthmark senseless.

My brothers followed suit and grabbed the closest hooligan they could find, and, after about a half hour of mucking around and putting wet leaves down each others' backs, I felt it was time to resort to the shaving cream. I pressed firmly on the top, only to have a drippy stream of white wonder come out... you're supposed to do what to the top!?

Our militaristic sense had not foreseen the possibility that the enemy would be more than two inches away and we had failed to study the dynamics of a can and the possibilities that can come once the top is melted to a fine point. We had goofed miserably.

The Dombrowskis, sensing our dilemma, flew at us in a rage and bombarded my clan with countless streams of shaving cream. We ran like the dickens and sought the inside of our home.

Halloween ended early for us that year, and not surprisingly, we remained the butt of many jokes to come. We would, however, find some happiness in later years, as the Dombrowskis moved to New Jersey and Matthew was sent to the juvenile detention center... he should have quit while he was ahead and the jelly fish was still fresh in my hair.

## A group that really digs graves

By CARYN GERAGHTY  
FEATURES STAFF

The study of biology and likewise the study of literature have always been crowd pleasers at our nation's institutions of higher learning. The "straight and narrow" and the not so liberal arts have consumed our minds and our intellectual pursuits. Now is the time for those of us dedicated to the true attainment of knowledge to set an example for our peers. Perhaps we will be successful enough to begin a society that will surpass all others in intellectual debate and artistic appreciation. We will call ourselves the Gravediggers.

The sole purpose of our organization will be to search for and eternally preserve those poetically inspired and aesthetically enticing gravestones which fill New England cemeteries. Fortunately for our amateur endeavors, there is an established and recognized group of Gravestone Studiers right in the Worcester area. The Association for Gravestone Studies is an international organization which studies and preserves grave markers from all periods. Not only do members view the gravestones with an intellectual and artistic eye, the Association restores decaying artifices and prepares legislation to protect our nation's gravestones from the ills that creep up in your neighborhood cemetery.

Hand in hand with the analysis of these immortal bedsteads is the ever-present influence of goblins

and gargoyles throughout the Downtown Worcester area. Take a walk through Worcester and you may be surprised to see devils, ferocious lions, and satanic monkeys taking account of your every move. As you walk by the Park Building and the Former Union Congregational Church, take a gander up to the roof top corners and gaze into the countenances of medieval ghashlies and eyeless Greek spooks.

This Halloween, ask yourself, have you been up to date on your local gravestone studies? How about those gargoyles that unrelentingly spy on the daily lives of the living? Taking rubbings of some of the more interesting gravestones can prove to be a great past time. Keep in mind the following rules and guidelines:

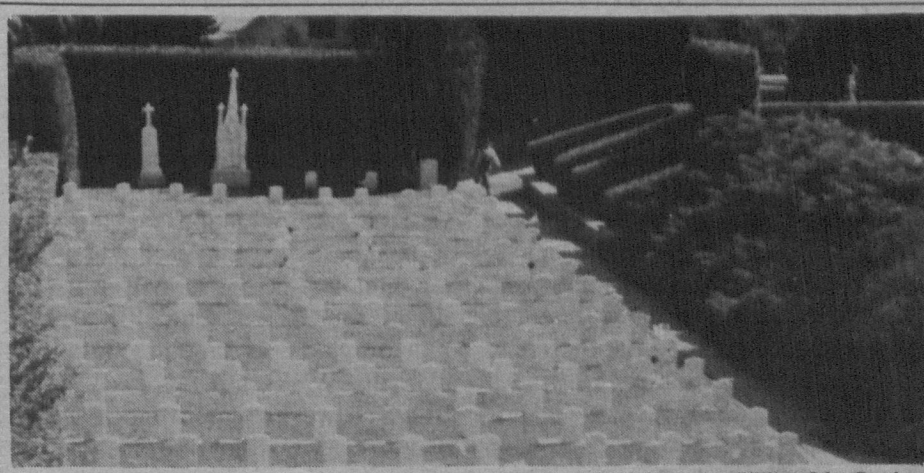
1. All observations must be done at night.
2. All expeditions must be done under a full moon.

3. Never eat an apple as you walk over a grave.

4. Halloween night is the only exception to #2.

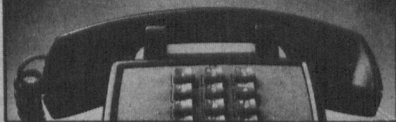
5. If sketching a particular gravestone, you must leave a box of chocolates and flowers for your host or hostess.

With a little luck and the eternal encouragement of our resting friends, The Gravediggers will heighten our awareness of this neglected and misunderstood academic pursuit. All of life is summed up on a gravestone. All our lives are guarded over by goblins and gargoyles. How can the study of philosophy and mathematics supersede the bare essentials of our mortal existence? Join The Gravediggers and see just how drastically times have changed. Do not let this integral part of our history and culture fade into immortal oblivion. For more information, contact The Gravediggers at (508) 831-7753.



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# POWERPLEX!!!

Inside the WWF...

THE TOTAL PACKAGE AND THE SCRIBE  
SPECIAL TO FEATURES

Justice is the very cornerstone upon which America was founded, from the Supreme Court nominee demanding it of the Senate to the first base coach arguing for it with the umpire. The question of whether justice was served, in the nomination process or in the controversial call in the baseball game inevitably arises. Yet perhaps a more important question should be uttered in the same breath: Is justice served in the World Wrestling Federation?

On the surface, the answer seems obvious: of course justice is served in the WWF! How could it not be, with the likes of the Big Bossman dishing out "hard time" to repeat offenders or the immortal standards of "Hulk Rules?" Explosive newcomer Sid Justice (formerly Sid Vicious in a previous life) promises that "Justice will be served." (He said that quite often this summer. In fact, that is all he said, over and over). Yet, not unlike the so-called "real world" that supposedly exists outside of the WWF, justice is not so easily defined between the turnbuckles.

Although referees should be the custodians of ring-legality, certain undesirables such as ref-turned-wrestler-turned-ref Danny Davis, the evil twin brother Earl Hebner, and obviously biased guest officiators such as Jesse the Body, Big John Studd, or James "Buster" Douglas have tainted the image of this pseudo-noble profession. Moreover, the Mountie, the Million Dollar Man Ted DiBiase, Irwin R. Schyster, and Sgt. Slaughter are all guided by their own twisted codes of justice. Just how, then, shall we live?

Take Sid Justice, for example. Fan favorites and bad guys alike hailed his arrival this summer, and deciphering his allegiance proved to be more confusing than the Clarence Thomas debacle. He told the immortal Hulkster that "he might believe in" the champ's ideals, but, then again he "might not." What? Not believe in the Immortal One, the man with the 24-inch Patriot pythons, who tells all his Hulkamaniacs to live by the four commandments of "training, saying your prayers, eating your vitamins, and believing in yourself, brothers?" What else is there to believe in? To make matters worse, he turned to the Ultimate Warrior, and claimed that this man "shows me almost the same intensity as Sid Justice." (As an aside, we hate athletes who refer to themselves in the third person). Almost the same intensity? Almost the same intensity as the steroid totem/ poster boy for amphetamines? Grim, indeed.

Yet, as always, we must trust the judgement of WWF President and Grand Poobah, Jack Tunney, who saw the potential for Sid as a Justice-server. It was Tunney who appointed Sid as guest referee at SummerSlam '91, for only Sid could smell the powerbomb; only Sid could save Macho Man Randy Savage and the lovely new Mrs. Savage Elizabeth from the seething

talons of The Undertaker and newly-crowned heel Jake "The Snake" Roberts; and only Sid could keep Sgt. Slaughter in line and combine with the forces of good to end his reign of terror. In fact, a reformed Sgt. Slaughter has moaned that he got exactly what he deserved at SummerSlam--indeed, just as was promised, Justice was served, and the image of the referee was redeemed.

Did Sid have a precursor? Ah, yes, many. In fact, noted psychoanalyst Chief Jay Strongbow maintains that all the other dispensers of justice in the WWF are all mirrors, a "deconstruction" to use Strongbow's terminology, of Sid Justice, in his article "Sid and the Sidianites." Hulk Hogan can be seen as Sid Justice's father, since Hulk's been walking the straight and narrow for some time now in the WWF. After all, Hogan slammed the Eighth Wonder of the World, Andre the Giant, after he tore off Hogan's T-Shirt and crucifix (not the crucifix, too!), and the Hulkster won back the belt from Slaughter for all Americans at Wrestlemania VII (Yet even though Hogan is Justice's WWF father, it would not be surprising if an inevitable Oedipal challenge erupts between sonny-boy and dear-ol'-dad. You heard it here first).

"After all, Hogan slammed the Eighth Wonder of the World, Andre the Giant, after he tore off Hogan's T-shirt and crucifix (not the Crucifix too!)"

When Sid smells a powerbomb coming on (his patented move), he dishes out as much "hard time" as the Big Bossman. He is the new and improved model of Hacksaw Jim Duggan, who needs a two-by-four to pass sentences (and speak). And his deep, dark past recalls the likes of the Mountie, Ted DiBiase, or Irwin R. Schyster. DiBiase's creed of "money makes the man" crumbles in the face of Sid's policy that might makes right.

Sid Justice, then, is the amalgamation of all justice servers in the WWF. Yet, now we are faced with the horror that Sid has injured himself while pressing those gavel-barbells, and he could very well be out of action for the next four months. Who will keep the law-breakers in line? Will everyone be presumed innocent? Indeed, a pall of gloom is creeping not only over the WWF, but this crazy world in which we habitate. Stock up on soup for your fall-out shelter--this could get ugly.

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# Sports

## H.C. survives scare to wallop Brown, 42-28

By DAVE MAHAFFEY  
SPORTS STAFF

It was the worst of times and then it was a little better. Yet one thing remained clear in the Crusaders' not-so-convincing victory over Brown - Mark Roman came to play.

The senior QB/WR (or is that WR/QB?) ended the day with a career-high 11 receptions for a school record 216 yards. The previous record of 202 yards was set by Mark Sheridan in a 1973 game against Temple.

### FOOTBALL

For his outstanding performance, Roman received the New England Gold Helmet Award and made the ECAC Honor Roll (the second straight week that Holy Cross captured the Gold Helmet). Last week it was awarded to Crusader FS Matt Morgan.

Roman, who was the backup QB last season, came to Coach Duffner last spring requesting to play another position in order to see some action. Until last weekend, Roman had been successful as a WR, making big grabs for Holy Cross. But...did he

ever imagine that her would break the school record of yards in a game? "Not in my wildest dreams" exclaimed Roman after the game.

As for the game, an incredulous 15,000+ Parent's Weekend crowd watched the Bears stun the Crusaders in the first half. Brown snuffed the Purple's opening drive as QB Tom Ciaccio was sacked and then intercepted. On the second play of the game Brown linebacker Ryan Robertson deflected and intercepted a Ciaccio pass, returning the ball 21 yards for a TD. Brown led 7-0 in the first minute of play.

Then, less than one minute into the second quarter, the Bears struck again. This time Bears FB Eric Rowe took a pitch out on the right side and rambed 6 yards for a score. Brown led 14-0, but the Crusaders began to roll on their next possession.

The Ciaccio-Roman connection brought Holy Cross downfield and then struck a blow to Brown's confidence on a 9 yard TD toss. Ciaccio threw to Roman in the endzone and the senior WR caught the ball after LB Rick Britton

tipped it.

The Bears marched to the Holy Cross 11 yard line on the ensuing drive. But the Crusader defense and penalties pushed Brown back and the Bears were forced to try for a field goal. The kick was too low and the Purple offense took over again.

Ciaccio and the Crusader offense began on their own 22 yard line with just 2:22 left in the first half. The quick-strike offense was effective as WR's Joe Gallagher, Roman and Lenny deMontagnac caught quick sideline passes. On first and goal from the 4 yard line, junior s-back Shawn Sierra bolted out of the full-house backfield and into the endzone for a 4 yard TD. The Crusaders had tied the game at 14 just before halftime.

In the third quarter the ball changed hands 3 times until Holy Cross finally took the lead. Ciaccio threw to Mark Roman in the endzone and for a second it looked as though Roman had his second score of the game. But the officials called offensive pass interference, pushing Holy Cross back to the 31 yard line.

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## RAMBLINGS

## Vol. XVI: Bitter and violated

By BILL SIMMONS  
SPORTS STAFF

Thoughts while investigating the hostile bakery coup d'etat of Pollini's by Culpepper's...

Wow! What a Series!

Jack Morris looks like he shaves with a cheese grater.

The same guy who designed the new Jesuit palace also designed the Greendale Mall.

I keep waiting for CBS to come back from a commercial during their pre-game show and see Tommy LaSorda face-deep in a plate of pasta.

The "Dynasty" mini-series really brought us one step closer to the end of civilization.

Tomorrow - Holy Cross 34, Lehigh 31.

I'm looking forward to the ten-hour road trip like a hole in the head.

Hey, the crew team put an ad in the "Daily News" looking for a "new coxswain."

Isn't that the type of ad you usually find in the back of "Oui" magazine?

I wish I didn't have hair on my toes.

Steve Avery is awesome.

My Mom wanted me to print a retraction: Last month I wrote that my Dad changed my diapers at 22; Mom claims he may have bought some diapers, but that's it.

CBS' Pat O'Brien looks like he might have had a cold sore or two in his day.

It's simply not true that Mike Tyson will be driving the Women's Forum Consortium Van for Senior Weekend.

I think the Red Sox are going to trade Ellis Burks and Mo Vaughn and go with an all-white team.

How 'bout the actor who played Greg Brady (Barry Williams) writing his tell-all memoirs? He actually claims he had an affair with Florence Henderson as a teenager. Huh?

God, that is awful.

Next thing you know, Bob Denver is going to reveal he was more than just the Skipper's "little buddy." Much more.

Hey, did you ever try to give yourself a backrub? Me, too.

"Coxswain!" Starring Marilyn Chambers and Seka...

Parents Weekend was fun and all, but I'm kinda glad they're gone. No offense.

I ran out of fingernails to chew during Game 3 of the series and eagerly moved on to my toenails. With no qualms.

When did this resurgence in beach volleyball begin, exactly?

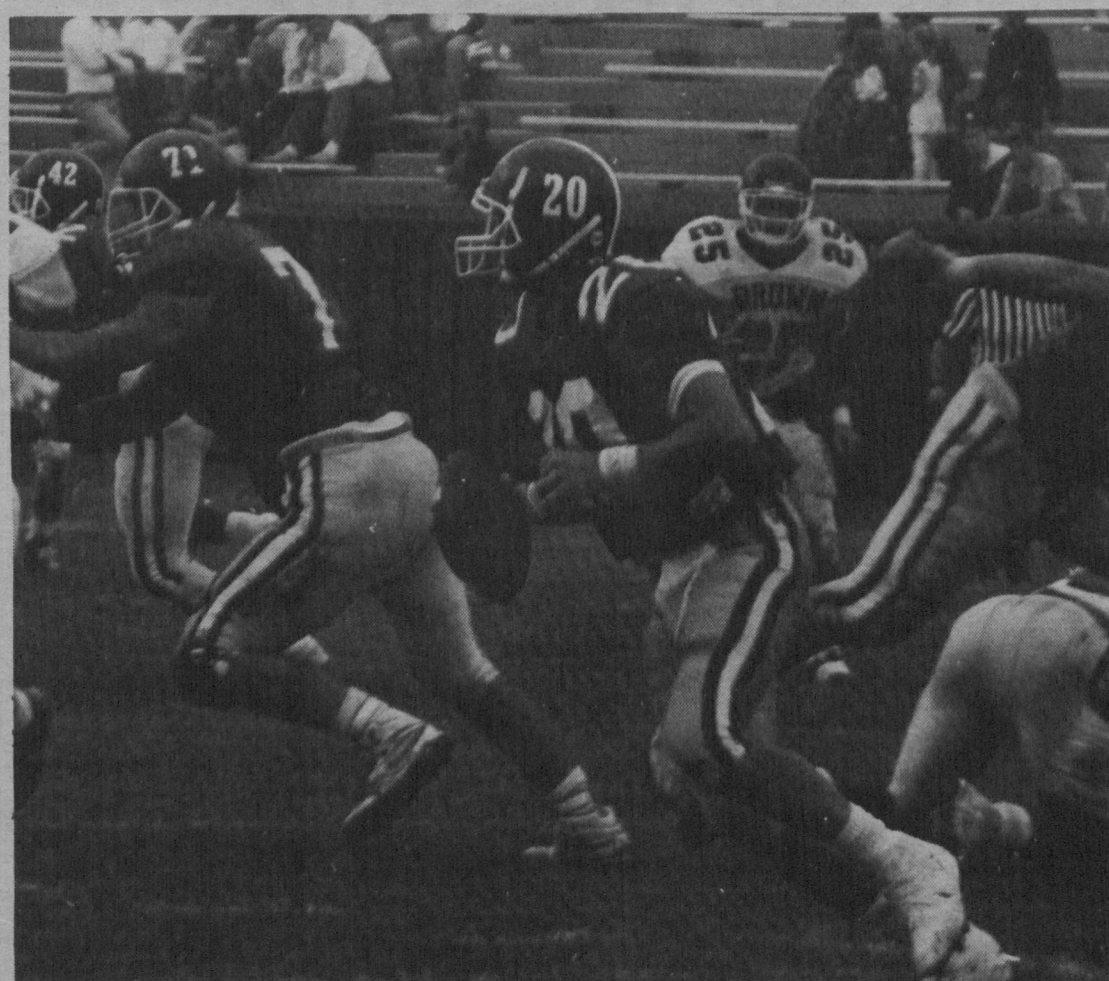
Mark Roman going from quarterback to wide receiver was the most amazing career move since Ginger went from "Gilligan's Island" to "Dallas."

You know, with Rick Fox, Reggie Lewis, Dee Brown, et al... the Celts certainly are a better-looking team these days.

Remember when they used to put D.J., Bird, McHale, Parish, and Walton on the court? That squad belonged in the "Star Wars" bar scene.

Barry Sanders is awesome.

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Tom Ciaccio faces Lehigh's Glen Kampa in an offensive showdown Saturday.

The Crusader J.J. Kiely, Jr.



# IFL: The Fighting Amish roll on; All-Stars collide on Nov. 6

By ED MARTIN  
SPORTS STAFF

His quiet disposition and unassuming manner make him an inconspicuous member of the class of '92.

His intramural football career is in its first season. No one knew that he had hands like Fred Biletrikof and deceptive speed in the flats.

He is John Piantes, "The Greek God."

Many people say that athletes are superstitious. John dresses the same way before each game - the same skivvies, T-shirt and sweatshirt, with his black high-top Nike cleats.

Then he drinks 6 raw eggs and heads to the field. He does exactly 10 sprints, stretches for 5 minutes and steps between the white lines.

The results have shown in his statistics. Nearly 7 out of every ten passes John catches go for touchdowns. He has become the go-to man on 3rd and long. He even goes the other way in the Gordie Lockbaum tradition and plays a defensive back. He is a force to be reckoned with; a real throwback to the old days. The Greek God.

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In this past weekend's games, the Seamen defeated So Much Heart, So Little Talent by a score of 26-20. This high scoring game was a roller coaster ride, tied at

three different times. For the Seamen, "The Brothers Sullivan" John and Sean hooked up for all 4 TDs.

Sean Sullivan was an especially sharp passer. Mike "Let me count the" Hayes helped with an extra point and unyielding defensive pressure, including one sack.

For So Much Heart..., Dave Ruddy was involved in every point scored. He threw for 2 TD's, ran for another, and passed for two extra points.

In the second game, Sean Sullivan passed for three more TDs and brother John ran a kickoff back for another as the Seamen trounced Aurelia Pilaf. Paul Brickley stoked the Seamen defense.

The "Pilaf" seemed to be swimming all day as Bill Simmons' passing tried to pick apart the Defense. Kurt "The Fat Lady" Sanger and Chip Keane each had TD receptions for the losers. Howie "Girlie Man" Doane played a mediocre game for the losers.

The Pilaf struggled in their next game against Momba falling 20-0. Standout Chip "Candy" Keane was overheard to say - and I quote - "This is a personal hell." The only statistic for the losers was an interception by Bill "Richard" Simmons.

For the victorious Momba, Brendan "Search for the Holy" McGrail dominated on both sides of

the ball. He caught 2 TDs and had 2 INTS. Quarterback sensation Rich Mynahan continued his drive to the All-Star game.

In a later game, Citizen Genet and Some Size, No Skill waged mortal combat. The game was marred by a near-bench clearing brawl precipitated by Citizen's Packy Johnson and Ed "Don't cut-block Me" Martin. After order was restored, a game ensued.

The score was close for the first half but in the second half, C. Scott Bertram picked apart the defense. His primary targets were Brian McNezie and the Greek God, John Piantes.

Mainstays on defense at linebacker were Doug "St. Ignatius" Rutherford and Andy "Did you know I'm related to Mark Reilly?" Plotner. Brendan McGrail and Mynahan hooked up

twice for the losers but Some Size prevailed 31 to 12.

In the final game of the day, G8 and I'll Owe You One stunned Da Bucks 12-6. Kevin "Kodfather" Donovan scored the decisive touchdown on a circus-like driving one-handed catch. ("Kod" has been bothered by a groin pull but it didn't hamper his Sunday.)

Also scoring for the victorious team was Bob "The Polish Stallion" Warchol.

The lone touchdown for Da Bucks came on a Tom Mongan to Craig Morrissey hook up. The game was hard fought and could have gone either way, but '68's tough defense kept them ahead.

In two other contests of notes, The Fighting Amish beat up on The Legion of Doom 36-6. The Doom's

one yard drive by Trickster Brian "Man of a thousand nicknames" Marsella was the first TD given up by the Amish. Malcolm Ennels and Mike Cloonan connected for four of the teams TDs.

In another contest, Legion of Doom edged the Trojans 6-0 on a controversial TD. The play was reviewed upstairs but "upon further review... the play stood as called on the field."

Mike Neery had a 7 yard run for a TD. Faultless Al Sablone had 4 sacks for the losers while Jeff "Girlier Man" Matthews also pressured the QB.

The All-Star game will be Nov. 6 at 8:00 pm on the turf. The teams will be drafted and coached by the commissioners, which means Pugsly Marsella will almost certainly be in action.

## IFL PLAYER PROFILE:

NAME: John Piantes, '92.

WEIGHT: 96 pounds.

HEIGHT: 53 inches.

HOMETOWN: Cotuit, Mass.

POSTION: Flanker, cornerback.

NICKNAME: The Greek God.

FAVORITE FOOD: Baklava, gyros.

SHAVING HABITS: 3x a day.

FAVORITE AUTHORS: Plato, Socrates.

HOBBIES: Card collecting, women, mumbling.

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# Ruggers rumble over Northeastern

By DAVE HENRY  
SPORTS STAFF

Donning their Club colors of purple and black, the HCRFC ventured into the lowlands of Roxbury this past weekend for their final league game of the season against the rabid "Mad-Dogs" of Northeastern. Due to a lack of knowledge of the proper rugby etiquette on the part of their hosts, the HC ruggers were forced to play their matches upon a decrepit, weed-ridden landfill. Despite

## MEN'S RUGBY

this hostile environment and an impatient local high school football team, the staunch athletes from the Cross maintained control of the field long enough to tame the "Mad-Dogs."

Numerous Club members chose an inopportune time to give their visiting parents a tour of scenic Roxbury, thus an array of B and C-side mutants were treated to their virgin A-side match. In true Pigeon-like fashion, Steve Krause took advantage of the forwards' hard work by seizing possession of the ball once the Purple Pack had driven it to the Northeastern end and

drop-kicking it through the posts. Twice in the first half Pigeon picked up the scraps of the forwards' labor thus giving HC an early 6-0 lead.

Outstanding A-side rookie performances were turned in by the hard-hitting (and creepylooking) Paul Beetlejuice, and an oscar winning performance by Mike Mahoney. Additional standouts in the A-side match included: Hank, who played like a raging cyclops, and Joseph "G.B." Coach, who slipped through the Northeastern defense like a greased pig.

At the half, with HC leading 6-0, the rest of the purple posse showed up having reaked havoc upon the local Roxbury gangs. Posse members included: Chris (raging and balding bull) DeNiro, Frank Gins, and Ken Schmeg who can lull opponents (and ladies) to sleep with his lame rap.

In the second half, the rough play of Kert R.N. Anzillotti and the rest of the pack set up a try late in the game by Greg Frazier, thus giving the A-side a 10-0 victory.

The B-side continued its undefeated streak as they handed Northeastern a lop-sided loss. The Cross jumped out to an early 6-0 lead when George Saltard inadvertently knee-kicked the ball into the

Northeastern try zone where Gil Hundley touched it down for the score. Minutes later a well executed 88 play led to Joe Daly's first and only try giving HC a 10-0 lead.

Later in the half the Chia-Freak powers were activated by John Mortenson, Eddie "Squiggy" Rascal and L. Harvey Sheehan, who congealed to score yet another try off on the deadly tarantula play. Soon after Pugsley Marsella pacaked a poor Northeaster rugger and extinguished his pitiful life.

In the second half Tom "Romeo" Gobbes, scurried under the opponents legs to rack up four more points. Other superb B-side players included local-Roxbury boy Matt "Woodsy" Camardella, Paul Petta and Mike "Serge" Genest who had an excellent day of running touch.

In the C-side game the Purple lads wreaked unholy havoc on the unprepared Northeaster team. Joe Flipper consumed two Roxbury youths when they accidentally walked on the pitch and rolled 30 meters for his 13th try of this season.

Other outstanding rookie performances included Edward Munster '94, Bryon Iguanadon, Dave Shaggy and Chester, who continued to molest his opponents and was named the game's M.F.G. (Most Freakish Guy).

## OFF THE BENCH



## Kenny will shine

By KURT SANGER  
SPORTS STAFF

There are sports and then there are activities. The difference between sports and activities does not have as much to do with interest as it does with athleticism.

Golf is a popular game, but it can't be called a sport. While it does require mental intensity it does not push the body to its limits.

Swimming and running can't be called sports either. They are the toughest on the body, but face it, running is a faster way to get somewhere than running, and swimming is a way to keep from drowning.

Sports are more a combination of the two, the mental and the physical. Baseball might be the best example, because it is a chess game and a swordfight. Football is like that too, but it is usually the coach who moves the pawns and the players who wield the sword.

Basketball is the sport though. It is THE sport.

To make the pros in baseball you have to do everything better than the other guy. You have to be able to throw harder and run faster and hit further.

To make it in football you have to be bigger and faster than the other guy. You have to hit harder on the blocks. You have to catch passes with the sound of footsteps in your ear.

But in basketball it is all different. It is not enough just to do everything better. Being a better shooter and rebounder is not enough to make it over the next guy. In basketball not only do you have to do things better, you have to do better things. You have to do things that other players can't.

Basketball is the sport where body and mind come closest together. It's not just knowing what to do and then doing it. To excel one almost has to have a sixth sense; the body has to know what it has to do before the play develops.

In baseball there is so much time to think. In basketball there is no time. In football the plays are either executed or they aren't. In basketball you have to improvise like you can't in any other sport.

Kenny Anderson should make his debut for the New Jersey Nets next month and already he is being touted as a future hall of famer. Without stepping a foot onto an NBA court he seems destined for Springfield.

He is not a large man, only about 6-foot, 170 pounds. But throughout his high school and two year college career people have been watching Kenny and saying that he may be the best point guard ever to play in the NBA. He could do things no one has ever done before, not Jordan, Jabbar, or Chamberlain.

There are too many comparisons made in baseball and football. "This kid could be the next Mickey Mantle," or "the next Joe Namath." In basketball the comparisons are not made so often.

If they were, Anderson would invite all types of comparisons. In the end there could be none, because someday Kenny Anderson could be in a class all his own in the NBA.

It may be going out on a limb, but knowing how hard it is to excel in basketball, and having heard the accolades he received at Molloy and Georgia Tech., I'm going to predict that Kenny Anderson may someday be the greatest athlete ever to play pro sports.

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# Duffner's gang heads to Lehigh for Game of the Year

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On the next play, Ciaccio wa chased and ran back 25 yards before he could successfully evade the defense and release the ball for a 19 yard gain. On first and goal from the one yard line, FB Scott Wikander crossed the goalline for his second TD in as many weeks. Holy Cross then led 21-14 as Anthony Pignio hit his third PAT of the game.

The Crusader defense held Brown and the Purple was rolling once again. Ciaccio and the run and shoot offense began to pick Brown apart. Jerome Fuller went airborne over center Pat Gibson for a 1 yard TD and a 28-14 Holy Cross lead.

The next Crusader score came after the defense kept the Bears at bay. On first and 10 from his own 10 yard line, Ciaccio dropped back and hurled down the left sideline as Roman burned Brown CB Kiilu Davis. Roman took the ball in stride and galloped down the sideline 84 yards to the Brown 6 yard line. This was HC's longest pass play in four years. Sierra finished the drive with a 2 yard TD run and a 35-14 Crusader lead.

Bears RB Bruce Smith narrowed the margin with a 3 yard score, but DT Cory Vincent blocked the PAT and CB Chris Kovath recovered the ball. Ciaccio answered Brown's score with one of his own, throwing to TE Hank Ashton for a 4 yard TD and Ashton's first career catch. The Crusaders had preserved a 42-28 win.

Ciaccio finished the game 24-37 for 363 yards and 2 TD's. WR Joe Gallagher

made a career-best 6 catches for 38 yards. S-back Jerome Fuller gained 80 yards on 13 carries, his first game under 100 yards this season.

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Tomorrow Holy Cross (6-0) plays its first Patriot League game in a clash with the 6-0 Lehigh Engineers. The two teams are among only 9 undefeated and untied teams in all of Division I and I-AA. Lehigh is a dangerous opponent and this match-up could possibly decide the Patriot League title.

Is this the game of the year? Coach Duffner replied answer with an unqualified "no." "This is not The Game of the year," commented Duffner. "This is the seventh game of the year. There are 11 games of the year. One game will not make or break this season and you make a big mistake when you say that this is the game of the year."

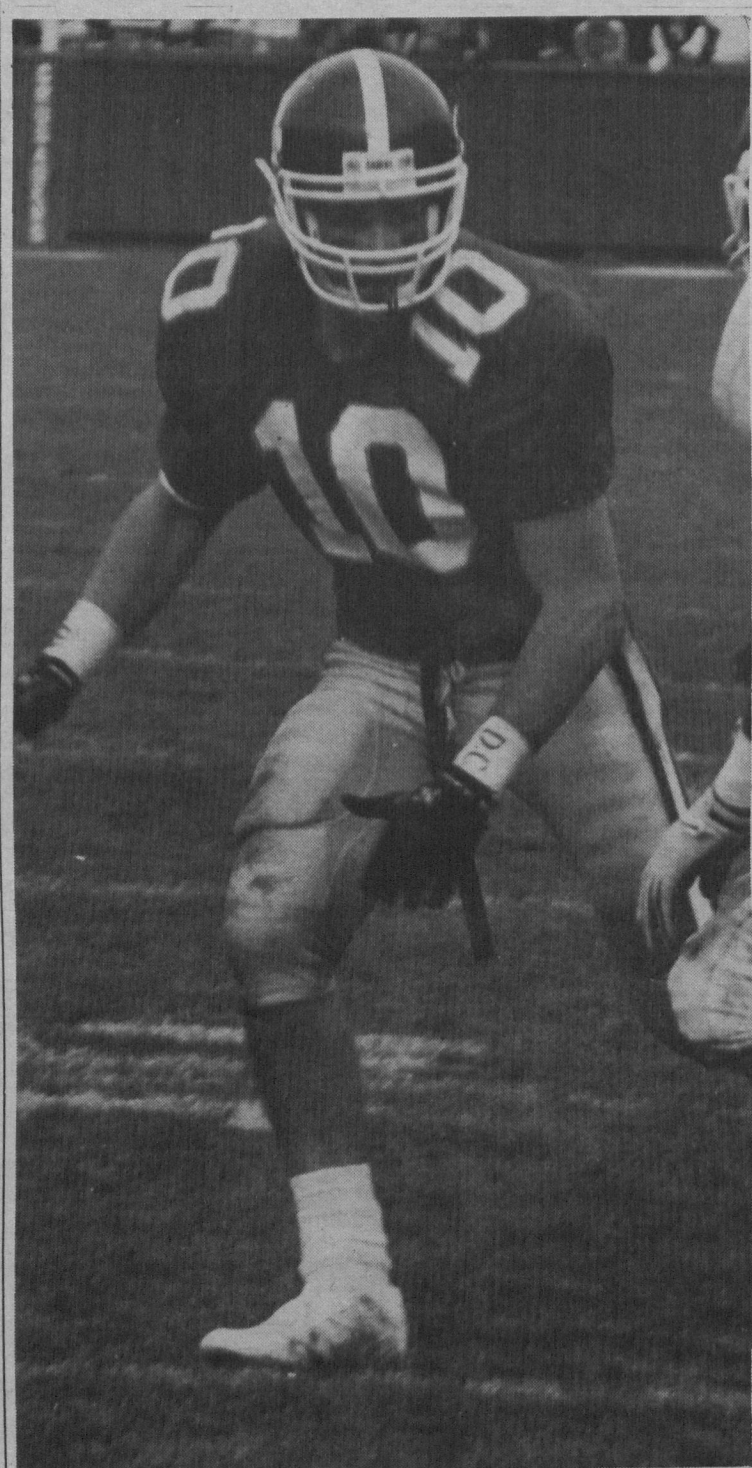
However, Duffner did label the Lehigh offense as, "very explosive. They can go deep at any time; last year they came at us with the

long ball and they're as explosive as can be."

Neither team is infallible. Against UMASS and BU, the Crusaders showed they can be vulnerable, while Lehigh struggled last weekend against PENN. The Engineers, down 17-6, scored 22 points in the final 9:24 of the game to capture a 28-17 victory over the Quakers.

Last season, the Crusaders defeated Lehigh, 34-22 on Fitton Field. Lehigh QB Glenn Kampa is one of the most dangerous signal-callers in I-AA football, while Flanker Horace Hamm has great speed. This battle will draw nation-wide attention among for the Ciaccio-Kampa aerial duel. Both Duffner and Lehigh Head Coach Hank Small praised the two quarterbacks; both agreeing that Ciaccio is the more mobile of the two.

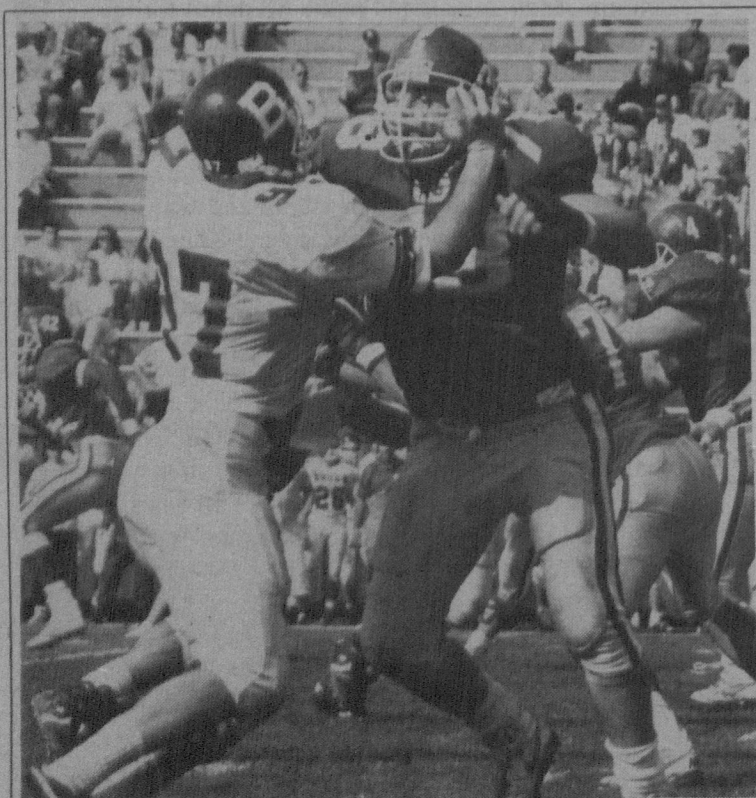
The game will be broadcasted live from Goodman stadium in Bethlehem, PA at 1 pm on WVEI Radio (1440 AM) and WCHC (88.1 FM).



Mark Roman was the Homecoming player of the game.

The Crusader/J.J. Kiely

Senior receiver Mark Roman is *The Crusader's* athlete of the week. Mark caught 11 passes for a Holy Cross record 216 yards.



The offensive line dominated Brown's defense.

The Crusader/J.J. Kiely, Jr.



Freshman Anthony Pignio hit all six extra points.

The Crusader/J.J. Kiely, Jr.



# Worcester March Madness

## COURTESY OF S.I.D.

Tickets for First and Second Round Games of the 1992 NCAA Divisions I Men's Basketball Championship at the Centrum are on sale at the Holy Cross Athletic Ticket Office in the Fieldhouse.

Six games will be contested at the Centrum; four on Friday, March 20 (afternoon session/evening session) and two on Sunday, March 22 (afternoon session). All-Session tickets (all six games) for the event, hosted by Holy Cross, will cost \$60 each, plus \$1 handling fee per ticket.

There is a limit of six tickets per person for Holy Cross faculty, staff and students. Orders will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis and the tickets are not refundable. There will not be any single session tickets available for purchase and phone orders will not be accepted.

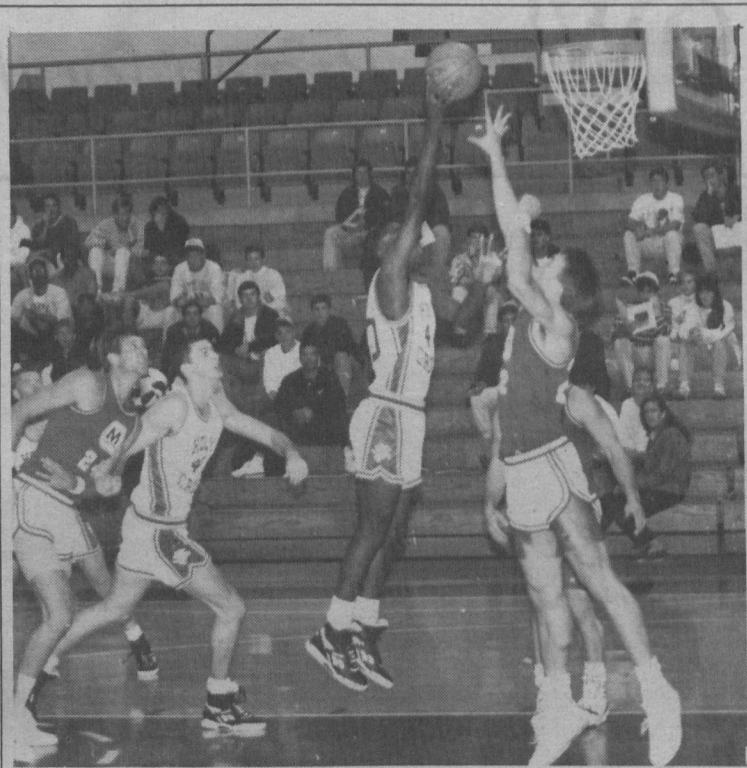
The games mark the first time that Worcester and the state of Massachusetts have hosted NCAA Division I Men's Basketball

Championship contest.

The eight teams playing in Worcester will be selected on Sunday, March 15, 1992. The two teams advancing from Worcester move on the East Regional at the Spectrum in Philadelphia on March 26 & 28, 1992. The Final Four is

April 4 & 6, 1992 at the Metrodome in Minneapolis.

For more information, fans can call the Holy Cross Athletic Ticket Office at 793-2573. The ticket office is open weekdays from 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.



Scott Martzloff might be dunking in the Centrum come March.

## X-Country upsets Bowdoin

By JOE CUSACK  
SPORTS STAFF

On October 5th, the HC men's cross-country team won the prestigious Codfish Bowl in Franklin Park, Boston. Coming up against some of the best schools in Division III, the squad managed to pull off a thrilling 100-101 victory over Bowdoin, the defending champion.

Despite some sub-par performances, the team was bolstered by some very unlikely sources. Leading the

way was Chris Petrone '93, who finished 4th overall. John Carron '93 and John O'Brien '92 came through in 19th and 20th overall. They were followed closely by Team Bill in 28th and Pat Kiley '94 in 29th to round out the scoring.

The biggest finisher, though, was Shane McLaughlin '95 who held off the fifth Bowdoin runner down the stretch to avoid a tie for the championship.

The victory was HC's second in the last three years at the Codfish. Ahead for

the squad are the Eastern Championships at Orono, Me., where they will have a shot at UMass-Amherst, Lowell, and URI. URI defeated HC earlier in the year.

Currently, the HC men are #12 in New England, which marks the first time since 1985 that the team has been ranked. The season is still far from over, and the patriots are the most important race left. The team will see how long they can continue the winning tradition.

## Crew-saders finish twentieth at Head of the Charles Regatta

By STEVEN HARR  
SPORTS STAFF

The fall crew season reached its apex this past Sunday at the 26th annual Head of the Charles Regatta in Boston. It is a competition with over 3700 participants from around the world and 250,000 spectators. Holy Cross sent three boats, two men's and one women's.

The day began with the men's heavyweight boat rowing in the heavyweight

club eight event. The boat, while not finishing as well as in the past, finished a respectable 21st out of 52 boats. The boat has many new rowers and is looking to build on this result for the more important spring season.

The next race down the course was the women's heavyweight club eight. The Holy Cross women's team finished a strong 18th out of 28 in this race. The squad, bolstered by a strong group of sophomores and a solid core

of upperclassmen, is much improved over past years and looking forward to a promising spring season.

The last event Holy Cross entered on Sunday was the men's championship lightweight eight race. The team placed 20th overall in a race dominated by boats such as the U.S., Canadian, and French National teams. The finish was good enough for ninth place among all college and university boats.

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By the way, something about seeing Jane Fonda do the "Tomahawk" makes me want to shotgun a cup of laundry detergent and leap up and down.

What nationality is Rafael Belliard? And is Mark Lemke related to Professor Lembcke?

While I agree the rugby team should look for a coach, I think it will be difficult to get Bobby "The Brain" Heenan out of his WWF contract.

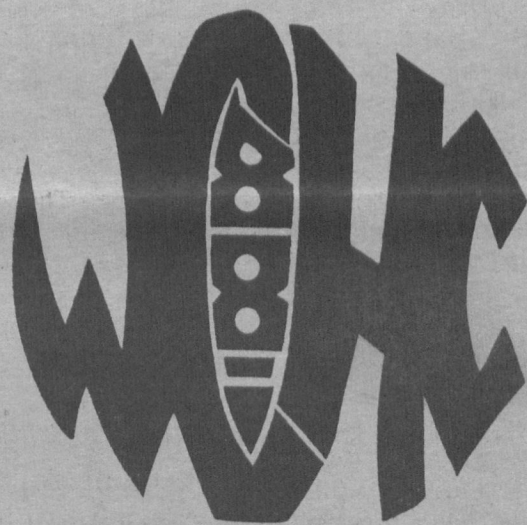
Larry Bird is playing like the Larry Bird of 1987, and frankly, my nipples are hard.

Saying Al Sablone is a good IFL ref is like saying there are a lot of good white boxers.

No truth to the rumor that SGA head Mike Sullivan sexually harassed partner Matt Cushing.

And finally, every week junior Mike Figge pesters me to put him in my article. Now, don't get the idea that I like Mike Figge - I don't - but I just want him to shut up. So here it is... Mike Figge. Let's say it together now... Mike Figge. Figge, Mike. The Figster.

Well, I'm off to star in my first movie - "The Autobiography of Long Dong Silver." Have a nice weekend...



Join Jon Horgan  
and Bill Simmons  
from Lehigh as:

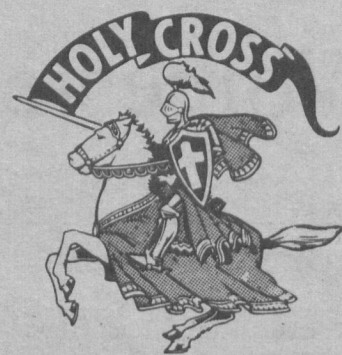
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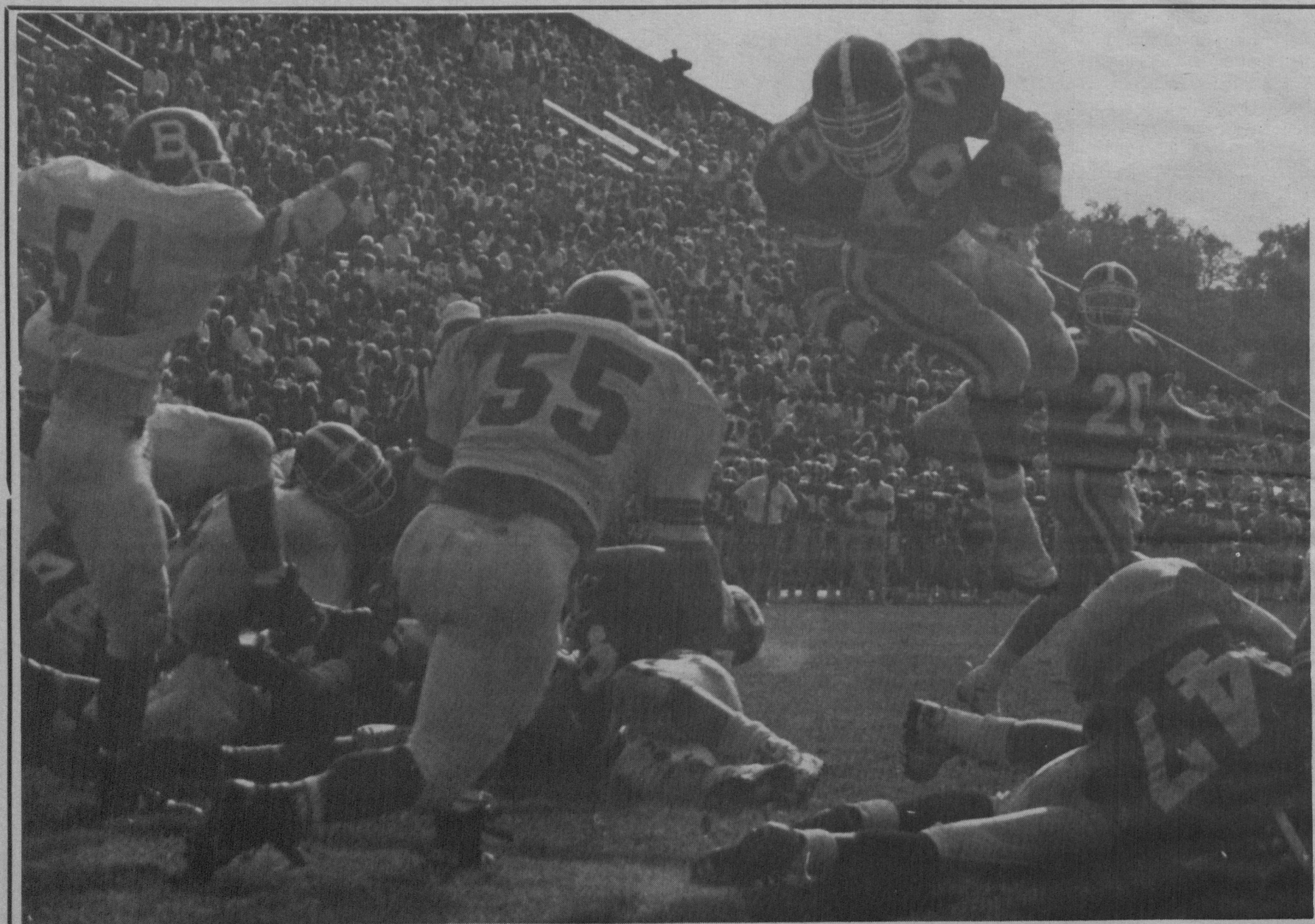


# The Purple Page



## Look out below!

*Fuller leaps over  
Brown for the score*



### H.C. FOOTBALL LEAGUE LEADERS:

-- JEROME FULLER: 1st in rushing (847), 1st in all-purpose yardage (1082), first in scoring (10 TDS), 6th in total offense (847), 5th in punt return avg. (6.5).

-- TOM CIACCIO: 2nd in passing (127.5 rating), 2nd in total offense (1540), 2nd in completions (120), 2nd in yardage (1540), 3rd in passing touchdowns (10).

-- MARK ROMAN: 3rd in receiving yardage (463), 2nd in yards per catch (19.6), 4th in total catches (26).

-- ANTHONY PIGNIO: 3rd in scoring (37 points), 2nd in field goals (5 for 8).

-- JEFF MEADER: 1st in punting avg. (42.2).

-- MATT MORGAN: 1st in inter-ceptions (4).

-- MARCUS DUCKWORTH: 4th in tackles (77).

-- ROB MILANETTE: 5th in tackles (69).

### FOOTBALL:

Oct 26, at Lehigh, 1:00.

-Last week: 42-28 win over Brown.

### MEN'S SOCCER:

Oct 26, at Lafayette, 1:00.

Oct 28 NEW HAMPSHIRE, 7:00.

Oct 31, at WPI, 7:00.

-Last week: 2-0 loss to Bryant.

- 5-1 loss to Oneinta St.

### CROSS COUNTRY:

Oct 25-26, at New England

Championships at Franklin Park.

### FIELD HOCKEY:

Oct 29, at Rhode Island, 3:30.

-Last week: 6-0 loss to Brown.

### WOMEN'S SOCCER:

Oct 26, LAFAYETTE.

-Last week: 4-2 loss to Army (Army now in 1st place. H.C. in 2nd place).